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## Residents Opposed To Proposed Club Move Ahead With Suit

Despite apparent setbacks, eight Princeton families and homeowners opposed to conceptual plans for "Astons," a proposed restaurant featuring live jazz music, have vowed to continue their legal battle to have the restaurant proposal reconsidered or even overturned.

Astons, which would be located on the site of the former Mike's Tavern at the corner of Bayard Lane and Birch Avenue in Princeton Township, was granted a variance in April, and has been the target of litigation since July, when neighboring residents charged that the Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment violated New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law by not properly notifying all parties within 200 feet of the proposed facility.

Would-be Astons proprietor Stephen Distler, a Hageman Lane resident, was also targeted in the suit.

At that time, however, a major component of the residents' lawsuit focused on the proposition that overflow, off-site parking would be located in the next block, at Stefanelli's Automotive Garage near the corner of Leigh Avenue and Bayard Lane, which Mr. Distler also owns. Opposed residents said that while Mr. Distler had informed residents within 200 feet of the former Mike's Tavern, he did not send notices to residents within 200 feet of Stefanelli's, thus allegedly violating municipal land use law.

The applicant, Mr. Distler, has since withdrawn his bid to create off-site parking at Stefanelli's, which appears to answer a major element of the residents' lawsuit.

But the case is not closed, residents said.

A hearing with Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg, scheduled for February 25, will look at the Astons application as it was approved by the zoning board — with the off-site parking. The lawsuit also charges that the zoning board did not consider neighboring residents' objections to having a restaurant with live music on that site.

A reported December 10 out-of-court settlement between the litigants and the applicant that would have returned the application back to the zoning board

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## Princeton: A Small Town Plays Big Roles

However different 2004 may have been from the years that preceded it, there remains one constant we are consistently reminded of: Princeton is changing.

And it's changing in its own special way, with residents and local legislators alike constantly working to sustain a progressive, forward-thinking community while simultaneously doing their utmost to keep Princeton's roots intact. In this sense, Princeton is very much a small town.

In another sense, Princeton is quickly turning into its own style of urban center. In the last year alone, virtually every major institution in our community has discussed, is planning, or has completed major changes. Princeton University, the University Medical Center at Princeton, the Arts Council, the Princeton Public Library, and the Princeton Regional School District, to name a few, are all involved in the process, not to mention the five-story building that Princeton Borough is about to build on the surface parking lot at Tulane and Spring streets. As a result of all these developments, Princeton has become a major regional destination along the

Northeast corridor.

Among some of the nationally known figures who visited Princeton in 2004 were former President Bill Clinton; Secretary of State Colin Powell; former Secretary of State George Schultz; Delaware Senator Joseph Biden; 60 Minutes Correspondent Mike Wallace; former counterterrorism czar Richard Clarke; and of course all the world-famous entertainers who performed at

McCart Theatre. As a result, Princeton has become a major national destination.

But in 2004, despite its continued growth and its highlighted spot on the national map, Princeton behaves as any small town would. What made headlines in the past month? A contentious 1,300-foot stretch of sidewalk on Snowden Lane.

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## The \$500,000 Question Answered: Cottage Club Is Not Tax-Exempt

Acting Governor Richard Codey signed a bill into law last week that will prevent private historic establishments in New Jersey such as Princeton University's eating clubs from obtaining tax-exempt status. By maintaining that all eating clubs must pay full taxes on their sites, the bill, which was sponsored by Assemblyman Reed Gusciola (D-Princeton Borough) and Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-Trenton), will save Princeton Borough more than \$500,000.

Passed by the state Senate in mid-December and signed into law by the acting governor on December 22, the legislation requires that a non-profit organization seeking to obtain a historic site property tax exemption on any historic site it owns must be open to the general public at least 96 days per year and have a mission in historic research, preservation and interpretation. No University eating club can satisfy that requirement. An establishment on

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**LET THE LENDING BEGIN:** A group of Princeton High School students performed a Chinese Lion Dance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Princeton Public Library in April. Many local dignitaries were on hand for the event, including, from left: Eric Greenfeldt, the library's assistant director; Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand; former Princeton Borough Mayor Marvin Reed; and library donor Estelle Sands. The opening also included a day's worth of activities ranging from author readings to children's workshops.

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## Resident's Suit

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for reconsideration did not occur, zoning board attorney Robert Casey said.

"We thought that was unfortunate," said David Goodman, a Duffield Place resident and one of the litigants in the lawsuit. "A settlement would have expedited the matter and would have helped speed along the resolution, but that's not to be the case."

As for Mr. Distler's withdrawal of the off-site parking element from the application, Mr. Goodman said that component was only part of the problem, but did not address the "core" issue.

"We're very much concerned about the proposed use of Mike's Tavern," Mr. Goodman said, adding that Astons would make "extravagant" usage of a location

that formerly served as an "old man's bar."

Referring to the proposed "Astons" as a "night club," Mr. Goodman said the restaurant has to be perceived as such if there are to be shows letting out as late as 1 a.m., as was indicated in the zoning application.

But Mr. Distler objected to Astons' being termed a "night club," saying that such a designation implies that something other than jazz could be performed on-site.

"The use variance specifically allowed us to use jazz music, it did not allow us to do rock music," he said. "It is jazz and jazz-related music."

"So for them to say that it is a 'night club,' or whatever that implies, is incorrect."

The purpose of the zoning designation, Mr. Distler continued, was to make sure that if the proprietor were to consider departing from the jazz genre, he would be unable to do so.

"If I want to depart [from jazz], or if anyone wants to depart from that, they have to go back to the zoning

board and the neighbors will have the opportunity to offer their input again," Mr. Distler said.

Additionally, the zoning board is required to focus on the use of a proposed site and not as much on the anticipated impact, said Carlos Rodrigues, chairman of the zoning board.

Represented by attorney Lawrence C. Wohl of the Princeton firm Archer & Greiner, the eight families involved maintain, however, that the zoning board should weigh in the potential impact if a use variance is granted.

"You can't turn a blind eye on the impact this could have on the neighborhood," Mr. Goodman said.

Tentative restaurant plans call for a 6,000- to 7,000-square-foot facility with 150 bar and dining seats. Mr. Distler is said to be working with Terence Smith, who designed the interior of Triumph Brewery on Nassau Street.

—Matthew Hersh

## Holiday Fund Donations On The Increase

We are pleased to report that the Christmas week brought good tidings to our Holiday Fund with a steady influx of donations. Funds received to date now total \$6,750. With five weeks remaining in our appeal, we are optimistic that the fund will reach our goal of raising \$15,000. Achieving this amount will enable us to distribute much-needed funds to organizations in our Princeton community that can best serve the needs of individuals. We hope the spirit of the holiday season is still with those who have thought about making a donation, but have put off doing so in the bustle of the season. It is important to remember that a donation to the Town Topics Holiday Fund is a gift that brings blessings to those in need throughout the year, not just during the holiday season. We welcome donations of all amounts. Every dollar matters. Donations are fully tax-deductible and each donation will be gratefully acknowledged in writing. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check, or securities to:

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**A PLUSH HOLIDAY SURPRISE:** Two-year-old Kendrick Barrera receives his bear donated by the Salvation Army through the Princeton Senior Resource Center. For the past 20 years, seniors have dressed bears for the holidays so they can be distributed to young children at the Princeton Nursery School. Santa and Harriet Teweles, a board member of PSRC, look on. (Photo by George Vogel)

## Using Cuddly Means, Senior Center Hopes to Bridge a Generation Gap

They say love is the universal language, and that it's spoken in different forms, but to a

toddler, it's a safe bet that the universal language is "toys."

And while a tot might not be able to understand that love and toys can be one and the same, the adults who do the giving know how they feel when they see the enthusiasm of children receiving a gift.

Love can be loud when 44 children ages 2 to 5 receive a soft teddy bear simultaneously.

And when it's Santa who's giving out those bears, the sound of love can be hard to handle.

But it was worth it for all the teachers over at the Princeton Nursery School on Leigh Ave.

"For all these years that I have been doing this, and all

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### TOPICS Of the Town

nue last Thursday as the Princeton Senior Resource Center (PSRC) distributed hand-tailored teddy bears as part of its Annual Bear Project.

Begun 20 years ago, the annual event used to bring area seniors together to dress bears donated by the Salvation Army. Those bears would then be dressed, sometimes with handmade clothing, and given out around the holidays to children five and under at the Princeton Nursery School and at the Princeton Community Village.

But having begun as a program between senior citizens and children, the bear drive has turned into a community-wide project. Employees from other institutions, including those from Borough and Township municipal offices, have gotten in on the fun.

"As soon as the bears come in, they're gone," said Debbie Rogers of the Township Zoning Department. "People literally fight for them."

April McElroy, who has supervised the bear program for more than 15 years, said that while she's pleased that the project has become more of a neighborhood activity, she especially enjoys hearing of seniors who involve themselves in the activity.

"They love doing it," she said, and for many of the seniors, "it's their joy for the year."

Ms. McElroy said she wishes more people knew about the program. In the past, after the bears had been dressed, they were displayed in the front display window at the old Princeton Public Library. This year, however, the bears were not up for display.

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### Generation Gap

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the years that I've been at the PSRC, too often I hear 'I didn't know,' she said, adding that having the bears on display is integral to keeping the program going. This year, she added, PSRC is looking for a storefront or some other in-town location that can accommodate such a display.

But that didn't matter to the 44 kids at the Princeton Nursery School. Harriet Teweles, the PSRC board member who will handle the bear program in future years, described what happens when the children get their new toy.

"They get a hold of the bear and the love goes right there," Ms. Teweles said, motioning to her heart.

—Matthew Hersh

### Accreditation Announced For Jewish Family Service

Maurice Weinberg, president of the board of Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS) of Greater Mercer County, has announced that the agency has been accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Families. The Council is a nationwide organization based in New York City.

Working collaboratively, the agency board and staff completed a comprehensive self-study, reviewing all agency policies and procedures. On May 17 and 18 the agency had a site visit with two peer reviewers from the Council, who met with the board and staff to conduct an on-site review. According to Mr. Weinberg, "accreditation by the Council tells the community that the agency adheres to the best practice standards for treatment. This lets the public know they are receiving services from an agency that meets those standards."

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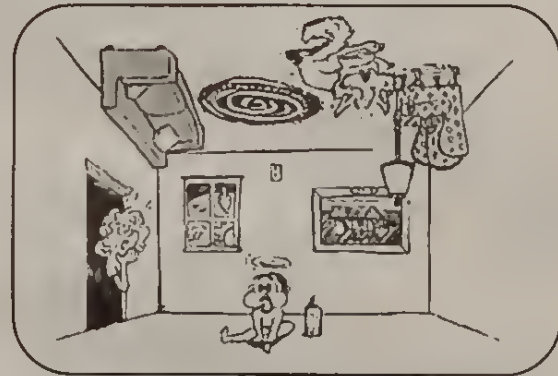
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On Monday, December 20, the squad responded to a report of a pedestrian struck at the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Moore Street. The victim, a 12-year-old girl, was struck by a vehicle shortly after 5 p.m. while crossing the street in front of the Princeton High School. Squad members arrived to find the patient had been thrown approximately 30 to 50 feet from the site of impact and was unconscious and barely breathing with severe head injuries. Crew members immediately began ventilating the patient, and quickly transferred her to a spinal immobilization board. The patient was rushed to the Capital Health Systems Trauma Center, where she was later flown by helicopter to Cooper Hospital for emergency surgery.

On Tuesday, December 21, the squad responded to the Tenacre Foundation for a man who went into sudden cardiac arrest. Rescuers administered CPR and used a defibrillator in an attempt to restart the patient's heart. The patient was transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

On Wednesday, December 22, at 11:50 a.m., an ambulance and the squad's technical rescue truck were requested to assist at a motor vehicle accident at Canal Pointe Boulevard and Carnegie Center Drive in West Windsor Township. The t-bone accident trapped one patient in their vehicle with a broken femur and possible chest injuries. Rescue crews used hydraulic tools and electric saws to remove the roof of the vehicle and pry open the doors to gain access to the patient, who was then removed and rushed to the trauma center. Assisting on scene were West Windsor Emergency Services, the Princeton Junction Fire Department, and West Windsor Fire Department.

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### Township Christmas Tree Pick Up

Discarded Christmas trees will be picked up in Princeton Township on the following four days:

For section 1, bounded by Route 206 to the west and the Borough line and Route 27 to the south, tree pick up will be on January 4, 10, 18, and 24.

For section 2, bounded by Alexander Street to the west and the Borough line and Route 27 to the north, pick up will be on January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

For section 3, bounded by Rosedale Road to the north and the Borough line and Alexander Street to the east, pick up will be on January 5, 12, 19, and 26.


For section 4, bounded by Rosedale Road to the south and the Borough line and Route 206 to the east, pick up will be on January 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Residents should place trees at the edge of the pavement, not in the road, prior to 8 p.m. the evening before designated removal days.

All tinsel and decorations should be removed. Trees in bags will not be picked up.

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9:30 a.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

3 p.m.: Classic Comedy Cowlcode film classics; Loft Studio, Arts Council of Princeton.

7 p.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

### Friday, December 31

8 p.m.: Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: A Bedfull of Foreigners; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

10:30 p.m.: Bedbug Eddie Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

### Sunday, January 2

Noon: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

Noon: Borough Council Reorganization Meeting; Borough Hall.

2 p.m.: Lecture, The Second Bottle of Trenton and the Bottle of Princeton; Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville.

### Tuesday, January 4

8 p.m.: The Winning Streak; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

### Friday, January 7

8 p.m.: The Foreigner; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: A Bedfull of Foreigners; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

### Saturday, January 8

9:30 a.m.: Free Yoga Classes; The Yoga Studio, Pennington.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Dryden Ensemble; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

### Monday, January 10

3:30 p.m.: Program Committee; Princeton Regional Schools, Valley Road.

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### Question of the Week:

"Looking back over 2004, which events would you consider the most significant?"



"The recall of Vioxx and Bush's re-election."  
— John Gregg, Rosedale Road



"The war in Iraq and the outcome of the presidential election."  
— Julio Clarke, firefighter, Foulet Drive



"The failure of the Democratic Party to foster a candidate that could beat George Bush."  
— Joe Sloon, Truebridge Court



"The invasion of Iraq and the end of major combat operations. I have a lot of friends over there, and am hoping for a quick and peaceful resolution."  
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"The most exciting thing for me was the Red Sox's win."  
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Ms. Fowler will address three strategies for predicting the future: Delphi polls, which rely on experts making multiple passes through the same questionnaire; futures exchanges, which allow non-experts to make predictions, often with better results than the experts; and lead-use research, by which designers look for products in advance of the market.

Ms. Fowler is co-author with Victor Stanwick of *The Web Application Design Handbook*. She recently led a team that designed diagram and geographical mapping software for Telcordia Technologies in Piscataway. At FAST Consulting, she helps software designers and others create usable Web applications.

Ms. Fowler's appearance is part of the library's monthly Tuesday Technology Talks series, which focuses on new and emerging technology.

"We thought it appropriate at a time of year when some people are forecasting events in the coming year to have a program that shows people how they can predict the future," said Janie Hermann, reference librarian and founder of the Tuesday Technology Talks series.

The next speaker in the series will be Alice Preston of Telcordia Technologies on February 1, who will talk about the future of technical careers in New Jersey.

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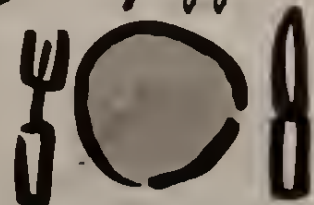
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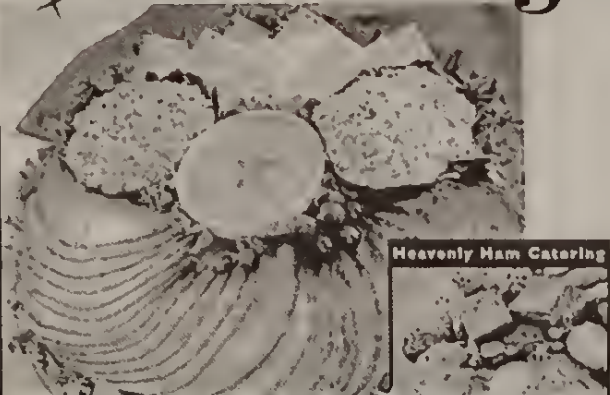
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This year's grants reflect the foundation's ongoing focus on land-use issues and the protection of natural resources across the state. Virtually all of the awarded funds seek to improve the quality of life in the region, and particularly in the Garden State, by supporting efforts to preserve open space and natural resources, helping towns plan well for growth, and assisting New Jersey's cities with livability and sustainability issues.

David Grant, the foundation's executive director, explained, "Water, air, and land are essential for life. And the quality of that life — our lives — depends a lot on the wholesomeness and availability of those vital resources. We hurt ourselves and future generations to the degree that we allow our water and air to become polluted, to the degree that our land is washed away, poisoned, and paved over. If New Jersey and its surrounding states are to remain a region where people want to live, then the Dodge Foundation's environmental work will have succeeded."

Robert Perry, who directs the Foundation's environmental programs, said that "a state whose population will reach ten million inhabitants by 2025 has to think hard about the choices it makes regarding the use of essential resources. By planning carefully and thoughtfully right now, we make the state livable for future generations."

Princeton's Delaware & Raritan Greenway received \$85,000 to help create a network of significant greenbelts in central New Jersey that will help benefit people, wildlife, waterways, and biodiversity.

In addition to supporting smart growth activity in New Jersey, assistance went to several groups that inform the public about environmental issues, as well as to several whose research and vision are creating knowledge and leadership that will help to shape a sustainable future.

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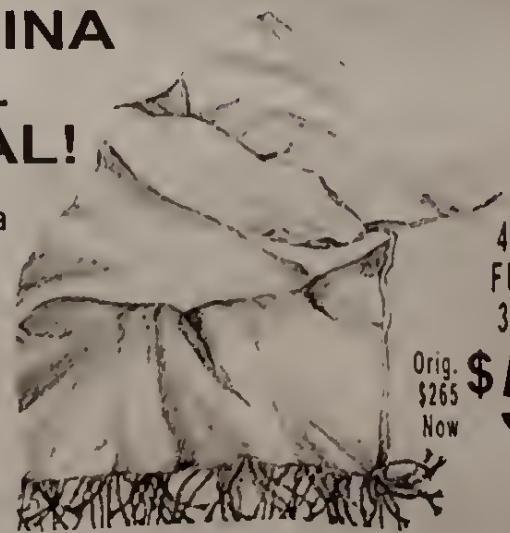
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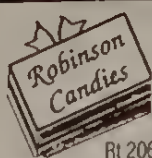


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The Princeton Elks Lodge No. 2129, Blawenburg, is holding its Second Annual Coat Drive for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. The charity needs coats in good condition. All coats are accepted, but men's coats are especially needed again this year.

Donation bins are located in the main lobby of the Princeton Elks Lodge on Route 518.

For a pick up, call (609) 924-0107.

Princeton Singles has scheduled seven events in January.

On Sunday, January 2, from noon to 5 p.m., club members are invited to attend a trip to Newark Museum, which will feature the Nicholas & Alexander exhibit, "At

Home with the last Tsar and his Family," followed by dinner in Newark's Ironbound section. Participants are to meet at Trenton train station (call 609-883-1214) or at the Sears parking lot on Route 1 in New Brunswick (call 732-613-1682). The cost of the trip is approximately \$10 for museum admission plus dinner.

The club will host a breakfast meeting on Friday, January 7 at 9 a.m. at Friendly's Restaurant on Route 206 in Montgomery. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (609) 448-1337.

Hour-long canal walks, followed by lunch, are scheduled for Saturday, January 15 and Saturday, January 29. Participants will meet in the parking lot at the Winepress Restaurant in Kingston at 10 a.m. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170 or (908) 369-6348.

On Saturday, January 22, club members and guests will meet for a movie and dinner. Participants should meet at Montgomery Theater between 4 and 4:30 p.m. For reservations, call (908) 874-5434.

On Sunday, January 23, club members will meet at K.C. Prime Restaurant in Lawrenceville for Sunday brunch at noon. Admission will be the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (609) 392-1786.

On Tuesday, January 25, the club will host a lunch at noon at the Princeton Elks on Route 518 in Blawenburg. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 359-5208.

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### Township Committee Criticized Over Deer Management Scheme

To the Editor:

In response to the article, "Deer Cull Enters Fifth and Final Year" (Town Topics, December 22), I can only say, "How stupid." If people who make decisions were informed, they would never approve a losing deer management scheme such as Princeton's. If people who vote for officials were informed, they would not return them to power. We can only hope that, sooner instead of later, people will take time to learn the facts.

The Princeton Township Committee authorized a fifth year of captive bolting and rifle shooting by contractor Anthony DeNicola, along with two independent counts of the Township's deer population.

Although it's clear that there is substantial support for non-lethal measures, the Township Committee decided five years ago that DeNicola's single, bloody approach was the cure for all their perceived deer problems, and that no other approach was worthy of trying on any single one of the problems.

Opponents of Princeton's deer plan have correctly said that killing spurs reproduction, and is therefore self-defeating. That's Biology 101.

When the deer counts are finished, the Township Committee will manipulate the facts, but the opponents will be proved right.

This is hardly the final year of deer killing by DeNicola. DeNicola succeeded in duping the Township Committee, and he no doubt will be laughing all the way to the bank for many years to come.

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## ART REVIEW

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## A Carnival of Images: America Loud and Clear

There are exhibits and there are shows. Both words work well enough, and to avoid repetition a reviewer can employ either one. But when a museum presents a group of works as stunning as "American Photorealism," which opened December 12 in the Voorhees Special Exhibition Galleries at the Zimmerli, "show" is the word. "Exhibit" is too formal a term for this carnival of American images.

The show begins with Richard Estes's *Waverly Place* (oil on canvas, 1980), an almost seven-foot-wide panorama of an intersection in Greenwich Village that will seem familiar to anyone who knows the area. If you connect with this specific portion of Manhattan, you'll probably go through a whole sequence of calculations as you try to locate it. You're looking north on Seventh Avenue South on a bright, clear day. You can trust that much because of the location of the jazz club, the Village Vanguard, and because the parked cars are pointing south. As for traffic, there is none. Usually the street is roaring with four or five lanes of southbound cars, trucks, busses, and taxis. You may also wonder at the absence of midtown towers in the distance. Either the artist has eliminated the Empire State Building or you have forgotten that it can't be seen from this vantage point. The emptiness of the street forces you to focus on the buildings, which are presented in crisply photographic detail. The two-story building on the island projecting into the intersection suggests the prow of a ship. The street intersecting with Seventh Avenue is also empty of traffic. A study guide for teachers I found online imagined "an unnatural lush" descending on the scene ("Estes's empty cityscapes evoke feelings of estrangement and isolation") and suggested a series of study questions that all but coaxed students to see it the same way. "Can you find any people in this painting? Where do you think they all might have gone? Imagine you are standing in this intersection. How would you feel about being there? Is it a busy, exciting city or a lonely, desolate place?"

I already knew which busy, exciting city it was, and when I stood in the intersection at the entrance to the gallery, I saw nothing ominous in the absence of people and traffic. I was too involved in guessing at some of the more subtle liberties the artist had taken with this slice of reality — such as the fire hydrant in the left foreground, which has more to do with brush strokes than camera work, and the unreal liquidity of the pavement, the streets flowing together like two rivers of grey paint. It seems reasonable to assume that the artist left out traffic and

people not necessarily because he wanted to evoke "a lonely, desolate place" but in order to remove the distractions that ordinarily get between the viewer and the naked, physical essence of the scene. Chances are he may even have had a fondness for the spot and simply wanted to set it forth with heightened clarity.

Odd as it seems, artworks with a photographic basis appear particularly unsuited to reproduction in a newspaper. The photo of John Baeder's 1984 oil on canvas, *Shorty's Shortstop*, accompanies this review instead of *Waverly Place* because less of it is lost in translation to black and white. In its original incarnation as a bus, this abandoned diner was white. When asked what fictional elements he had added to his subject, the artist, who lives outside Nashville, Tennessee, provided some interesting background information that suggests how arbitrary the "realism" in "photorealism" can be. He admitted having added "a few elements to the image," changing the color from "a very weathered white" to something more on the "landlord green" side. It was his "fantasy" to turn it into a diner based on "an A-frame drive-up hamburger, hot dog, ice cream roadside joint somewhere in the Innards of west New Jersey." There was no "Shorty's Shortstop," in fact; it was named for and in homage to a dog ("a most marvelous, loving Australian shepherd") who would come into the studio while Baeder was working on the painting and sit "very protectively" by the easel. One of the compelling qualities of the painting is how thoroughly and intricately the painter has covered the abandoned diner with the abusive effects of time and weather, as well as adding some graffiti, which he says were actually drawn on "an old closed-up forever" Dairy Queen in Clark, New Jersey. Although you'll have to go to the Zimmerli to see these details, the graffiti originally depicted a chef and a dog. When he redrew them, he meant the chef to be the proprietor of his fantasy diner and the dog a sketch of the real-life Shorty. And the bus that began it all? It was located in Tennessee.

Most of this show's "photographic" pieces probably underwent no less complicated and no less "fictional" evolutions. These works don't serve realism; they take possession of it. Most of the artists here are playing fast and loose with reality, amplifying it, heightening it, exploiting it, and exploring it. When you stand before works like Linda Bacon's *Big Strike*, you might be Gulliver in the land of the giants, dwarfed by the super-real, super-sized equipment of Brobdingnagian fishermen. The oil on linen *Sweet Man Blues*, is another Bacon still-life of hallucinatory dimensions dominated by the Ethel Waters recording on Black Swan that gave the picture its title; a B.B. King poster; a seemingly larger-than-life guitar; and a pair of red high-heeled sandals fit for a dancing girl in Brobdingnag. You don't stand outside these images; they want to take you in. The same thing is true of Charles Bell's larger than life pinball machine playing surface in *Finis Coronat Opus* with its brilliant



**'SHORTY'S SHORTSTOP' (Oil on canvas, 34 x 48", 1984):** The artist, John Baeder, says his fantasy was to turn an abandoned and derelict bus into a diner. Shorty was actually a much-beloved dog. Mr. Baeder's speciality is diners and he signs his emails "Good Eats."

(Photo courtesy of O.K. Harris Works of Art)

red runways and golden point-lights like the dream landscape of a compulsive player who goes to sleep with the sound of pinball bells ringing in his ears.

Another impressively hallucinatory work is David Parrish's *Hoppy Birthday Bobby*, which would be a riveting contribution to any show of Pop Art. Again the scale is a travesty of reality, with two immense masks on either side of a super-real Elvis Presley doing the bump and grind that put fear in the hearts of American parents in the late 1950s. One mask may be Marilyn Monroe; the other looks dark and satanic, with a twisted mouth. The performance is apparently being conducted by a valentine heart with Mickey Mouse hands.

Photorealism, where art thou? In Tom Blackwell's display window in *Swim Wear* perhaps? Not if you look closely. Those two women in bathing suits, one recumbent, one with hips sexily thrust out, are no mere department store dummies. The so-called real world outside the window is actually painted into it, the image of a parked car not reflected but imposed on the recumbent bather, the leaves on trees on a New York street not reflected but embedded in the

element of another dimension. The work is oil on masonite, which no doubt helps create the effect of merged dimensions. Yet another version of reality — you could say it represents the "real" reality — is occupied by the woman standing in front of the window, intently focused on her own concerns and oblivious to the phenomena haunting the work of art that is the window.

This is a democracy of imagery, all shapes and sizes and degrees of exactitude. You have horses and kids, swimming pools, coffee cups, pottery, plastic ketchup bottles, Harley Davidsons, Super Duper weenie trucks, small town street scenes, wrecked cars, lingerie, salvage yards, waterfalls, nudes holding Messerschmitts, fabrics, Deco glassware. You can see truly amazing panoramas like Anthony Brunelli's *Hanoi Market* (oil on linen) with landscapes of crockery on either side, clear daylight illuminating one tumbled, sloping range of porcelain, the other in shadows, behind which are still deeper darker shadows. One of the most purely beautiful works in the show is Kim Mendenhall's oil on linen, *To: Hornett*, which is dedicated to William Harnett (1848-1892), a key figure in the history of American still-life painting.

Several less exciting works are a better fit with the least imaginative definition of photorealism, which may explain why they were chosen for the Zimmerli's introductory brochure. Jack Mendenhall's *Miami Beach* could be illustrating an advertisement for the department of tourism. *Yellow Porsche* is one of the less striking works by Ron Klee-man, who takes you inside the world of an engine in Mr. Gosket and claims his paintings are "a fist tattooed with the word 'HERE' across the knuckles." Randy Dudley's *Railroad Bridge-Joliet, Illinois* is handsome enough, but as an act of imagination, it falls short of the exhibit's more dazzling show-stoppers.

**A**merican Photorealism" runs through March 27, 2005. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the Rutgers University campus in New Brunswick. You can park free in the hilltop lot adjacent to Kirkpatrick Chapel, from which the view of the surrounding area will be even more striking when you come to it with your eyes full of the sights and sounds in the Voorhees Galleries. For more details, call the museum at (737) 932-7237 or visit it online at [www.zimmerlinuseum.rutgers.edu](http://www.zimmerlinuseum.rutgers.edu).

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## Two Individual Styles Are Distilled Into One In Arts Council Show

The Arts Council of Princeton's WPA Gallery will host a joint show featuring the work of Madhvi Subrahmanian and Pam Farrell in the first joint art exhibit of the year. The exhibit, "Distillations," will include Subrahmanian's Indian-inspired pottery and clay sculpture along with Farrell's encaustic works.

There will be an opening reception for the show next Friday, January 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. At 7 p.m., the artists will illustrate their methods and processes with a talk and slide presentation. The reception and gallery presentations are free and open to the public.

The title of the show, "Distillations," signifies the common theme in the process and

content in both artists' work in that both artists are concerned with reducing things to the essentials, with a focus on the elements, heat, and the earth.

Subrahmanian's sculptures can be described as a mix of metropolitan sophistication and rural sensibility. The two styles merge in her hand-built clay sculptural vessels of deliberate jagged edges, warm hues, and smoke swirls created by sitting the works in tin cans with newspapers set aflame. The "organic intuition" that permeates her work suggest a sense of "rootedness," Subrahmanian said.

Subrahmanian has received extensive artistic training on two continents. In 1985, she trained with Pay Meeker and Deborah Smith at Golden Bridge Pottery in India. She then moved to the U.S. to study ceramics at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

There, she received a master's in fine arts. Subrahmanian has also exhibited her work in a number of solo and group exhibitions. Most recently she participated in the exhibition "2003 Public Art: Contemporary Ceramics in Collaboration" at the National Gallery of Modern Art in Mumbai, along the residential streets of India. She has also had her work featured in solo shows at the Cymroza Art Gallery in India; the Mosaics Dallas Visual Arts Center in Texas; and the Carmichael Gallery in Texas.

The Arts Council exhibition will also showcase the art of Pam Farrell. After years of working with oil, Farrell recently discovered the technique of encaustic. Encaustic is an ancient painting method involving pigment suspended in beeswax. Farrell said she is drawn to the method's dynamic qualities, as encaustic can be "both cathartic and restrictive."

"I've found [encaustic's] versatility to be liberating and its limitations [to] have challenged me to access patience and identify new creative instincts."

Farrell finds the process of encaustic to be closely related to her career as a social worker and psychotherapist. "They are as much about integrating numerous resources to problem solve as they are about working with the many layers and ways in which we reveal ourselves."

Prior to obtaining her master's in social work in 2002, Farrell received a bachelor's of fine arts with a concentration in print-making and sculpture from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. During her career, Farrell has exhibited work at the Raritan Valley Community College Gallery, Beamsderfer Gallery in Highland Park, Main Street Gallery in Califon, and Luna Studios in Flemington.

"Distillations" will be on display until January 21. The Arts Council is located in the

Paul Robeson Building on the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street in Princeton. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The Arts Council is urging visitors not to park along the surrounding residential neighborhood as those spots are for the adjacent residences. Parking is available in the Visual Arts Center in Texas; nearby Spring Street and Palmer Square parking decks. For more information, call (609) 924-8777 or visit [www.artscouncilofprinceton.org](http://www.artscouncilofprinceton.org).

## Abstract Art, Collages To Appear at J&J Gallery

An exhibition of paintings and collage drawings is currently on display at the Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters in New Brunswick as part of the company's ongoing "New Jersey Artists" series.

"Paintings on Canvas and Paper," featuring the often-abstract work of area artist Katherine Parker, will show at the gallery through January 17.

Parker said her work illustrates "personal emotion and expression through... exploration of abstract painting." Her process of developing her works, one that entails building on the surface of the paintings over a grid of dripped black ink, is done "slowly, in layers with fragments and pieces of previously-exposed areas drifting to the surface and out of sight again," she said.

"The end result is a textured field of undulating colors, resembling a wall or an archaeological fragment," Parker added.

The works in the J&J use a variety of media, including paint, wax, and charcoal and were constructed using different tools, such as knives, newspapers, and rollers to build up and take away layers



**NEW YEAR, NEW SHOW AT WPA GALLERY:** The Arts Council of Princeton will begin hosting a dual-artist show in its WPA Gallery beginning next Friday, January 7. The show, "Distillations," will include Madhvi Subrahmanian's Indian-inspired pottery and clay sculpture along with Pam Farrell's encaustic works.

of paint on the surface of the canvas.

Parker is the recipient of several honors and awards, including the New Jersey State Council for the Arts Fellowship at the Rutgers Center of Innovative Print and Paper.

She has also participated in various group and solo exhibitions, most recently "Material Witness" at the Heidi Chotion or to make an appointment, call (732) 524-6957. Her appointment, call (732) 524-6957. Her appointment, call (732) 524-6957. Her appointment, call (732) 524-6957.

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## Hopewell Gallery to Hold Dual-Artist Photo Show

Two new photography exhibits will come to Gallery 14 in Hopewell next week featuring two long-time gallery artists, Frank Magalhães and E.J. Greenblat.

The exhibits, Magalhães' "Close-Up: A Photographer and His Lady," and Greenblat's "A Taste of New Orleans," will each open with public receptions next Friday, January 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. and will show through February 6. Additionally, the photographers will be on-hand Sunday January 9, between 1 and 3 p.m., to discuss their work.

In his series of black and white photographs, Magalhães will zoom in on a single hand or several hands in combination, either in idle scenarios or as they are involved in various activities. Some of the photographs depict "mundane" activities like peeling a potato, shaving, or adjusting an earring, while others show artistic activities like playing music or taking a photograph. Magalhães himself is a subject in several of the images in his show.

All of the image capture and processing were accomplished digitally, and most images in the show were printed on archival paper using pigmented ink.

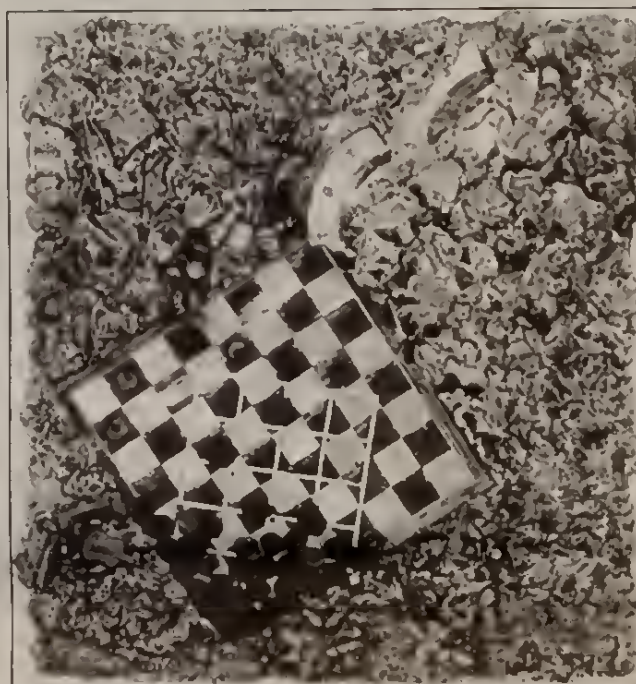
In Greenblat's "A Taste of New Orleans," the photographs take the viewer to one of the most interesting times in the Delta hamlet: the Jazz Fest. His favorite city when it comes to his photography, Greenblat's show also features

images of other interesting aspects of New Orleans. At the Jazz Fest itself, Greenblat's interest did not lie solely with the musicians, in fact, his lens was honed in on the attendees instead, especially at the Gospel and Dixieland music venues. On the street, aiming not to simply take "cameos" with unknowing subjects, Greenblat shot people he encountered who were fully aware of their being photographed. One of his personal favorite shots in the exhibit, pictured above, is of a shoe repairman who proudly showed documents praising his ancestor for service during the Civil War.

Two landscapes are also featured in Greenblat's show, in the individual pieces "Guarded Pleasure" and "Faded Elegance," depicting a sense of the city's older quarters and conveying the "mystery and beauty of old New Orleans," Greenblat said.

All works in "A Taste of New Orleans" are in black and white, photographed with film, and scanned and printed with archival inks and paper.

Gallery 14 is located at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call (609) 333-8511 or visit [www.photosgallery14.com](http://www.photosgallery14.com).



**"FEMME FATALE":** A retrospective of the work of painter/sculptor/photographer Guy Ciarcia is currently on display at the Gallery at Plainsboro Public Library. The show, "Retrospective: 1990-2004," runs through January 3 and provides selections from each of three phases of the artist's career. The gallery is located at the Plainsboro Municipal Center, 641 Plainsboro Road. Gallery hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 275-2897 or visit [www.Lmxac.org/plainsboro](http://www.Lmxac.org/plainsboro).

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## MUSIC REVIEW

### Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Brings Refreshing Performance of Bach to Richardson

Hearing Bach's Brandenburg Concertos played well is like sampling a plate of really good sweets. Among the six concerti, with soloists ranging from violin to flute to harpsichord, one can hear delicacies of intricate phrasing, sparkling virtuoso playing, and a perfectly blended ensemble. This was certainly the case on Monday night when the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center brought its annual holiday treat to Richardson Auditorium: a radiant performance of Bach's six multi-movement concerti. The twenty members of the Chamber Music Society brought innovation and freshness to their performance, totally engaging the nearly full house audience.

The Chamber Music Society presented these works in their numerical order, enabling the audience to hear the subtle differences in the pieces, which were not necessarily intended to be performed in a single evening. The thirteen soloists in Concerto Number 1 in F Major accentuated the "hunting" characteristics of the concerto, with hornists William Purvis and Stewart Rose playing especially cleanly. In the final trio combination, the three unison oboes were particularly effective, playing almost as one instrument.

Clarinetist David Shifrin took a unique approach to Concerto Number 2 in F by substituting a clarinet for the usual trumpet solo. In the space and acoustic of Richardson Auditorium, this was a good decision, because the clarinet sound was more homogenous with the other instruments than the more piercing sound of the trumpet. Despite the temptation of a clarinet to sound a bit Klezmer-ish in that high register, Mr. Shifrin's tone color blended well with the flute, oboe, and violin solos, played by Ransom Wilson, Stephen Taylor, and Ani Kafavian, respectively, especially in the quick tempo of the first movement. The pianissimo playing of the third movement particularly illuminated the individual parts.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln

Center includes some of the leading instrumental soloists in the world of music, including violinist Joseph Silverstein and double bassist Edgar Meyer. Violinists Ani and Ida Kafavian added both virtuoso playing and personality to the ensemble. In Concerto Number 4 in G Major, flutists Tara Helen O'Connor and Ransom Wilson, together with Ida Kafavian, provided delicately played solo lines. Ms. Kafavian, shadowed by Ani Kafavian in the ensemble, played with particular ferocity in the virtuosic third movement.

Constant throughout the concert was the steady and unobtrusive continuo playing of harpsichordist John Gibbons, joined by varying combinations of cello and double bass. Mr. Gibbons had his chance to solo in Concerto Number 5 in D Major, a concerto scored for flute, violin, and harpsichord solos with the lower strings, creating a large space in the sonority. Mr. Gibbons played on an instrument with clarity and that had a rich sound, punctuating the music with precision. Also notable in this concerto was Mr. Silverstein's violin playing in the second movement trio, scored for just the soloists. Throughout the concerto, the ensemble, which included the fewest players of the evening, exhibited mesmerizing dynamics shadings.

Although the Chamber Music Society is comprised of soloists, their personalities are evident in their ensemble playing. The two violinists, Paul Neubauer and Richard O'Neill, seemed to be playing to each other in Concerto Number 6, each had their own individual styles that came through the music well.

By the end of the evening, one realizes that this has been a lot of Bach. However, it was by no means mundane (as an entire evening of one composer might be), and the Chamber Music Society succeeded in finding individuality within the concerti and within the instrumentation required for each piece. If this is truly an annual event, it is a good choice, for there is no better way to spend a winter evening than listening to Bach. —Nancy Plum

### Westminster Song Recital To Include Debussy, Barber

Soprano Margaret Cusack, accompanied by pianist J.J. Penna, will perform works of 20th-century literature, including collections of songs by Debussy, Wolf, and Barber on Sunday, January 16, at 4 p.m. in Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel.



Margaret Cusack

Specifically, the program, which is part of the Choir College Faculty Recital Series, will include four song collections: Debussy's *Cinq Poèmes de Charles Baudelaire*, Wolf's *Mignon Lieder*, Barber's *Despite and Still*, and Britten's *On This Island*.

Ms. Cusack, winner of the International American Music Competition at Carnegie Hall, made her New York recital debut at Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall in 1987. She made her New York City Opera debut in 1985 as Micaela in *Carmen*. She then became a leading soprano with the company, returning to sing *Musetta* (*La Bohème*),

*Nedda* (*I Pagliacci*), Elena Debussy, Wolf, Strauss, Barber, Rorem, Korngold, and company's tour to Taiwan, Schoenberg.

Ms. Penna has performed in recital with such eminent singers as Kathleen Battle, Harolyn Blackwell, Amy Burton, David Daniels, Denyce Graves, Kevin McMillan, Florence Quivar, Sharon Sweet, Christopher Trakas, Indra Thomas and Ying Huang. Venues in which Mr. Penna has been heard include the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Weill Hall and Merthe Boston Symphony under Seiji Ozawa, the Marschallin in Act III of *Der Rosenkavalier* with the Tanglewood Orchestra under the late Erich Leinsdorf, and Bernard Rand's *Canti Lunatici* with the Berio, Maestro Berio then invited her to Italy to sing three concerts with the Florence May Festival, including Edvard Grieg Museum in Norway, New York's Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, as well as venues in Santa Fe, Atlanta, Toronto, and Montreal with a variety of such works as Strauss' *Four Singers*, including sopranos *Lost Songs*, Mozart's *Mass in Measha Brueggergosman and C minor*, Frank Martin's *Le Harolyn Blackwell and tenor vin herbé*, Schoenberg's *William Burden*.

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She is currently associate professor of voice at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, where she also teaches opera literature. Ms. Cusack is a frequent recital partner of Mr. Penna. They have specialized in 20th-century literature, in particular songs of Poulenc, Marx,

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## Concert to Highlight Bach, Handel Music

The Dryden Ensemble, which focuses on classical music played on period instruments, will accompany soprano Julianne Baird in a concert of Bach and Handel music on Saturday, January 8, at 8 p.m. at Princeton Theological Seminary's Miller Chapel.

The same concert will be performed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Doylestown, Pa., on Sunday, January 9, at 4 p.m.

The first half of the program will focus on music by Handel. Ms. Baird, accompanied by oboes, horns, and strings, will perform "Overture" from Handel's *Water Music* and dramatic arias for Cleopatra from Handel's opera *Giulio Cesare*.

The second half of the concert will be devoted to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, including three seasonal arias for soprano from Cantatas 132, 36, and 28, with obligato oboes and solo soprano, three oboes, horns, and strings; and *Contata 52: Folsche Welt, dir trau ich nicht*, for soprano, three oboes, horns, and strings. Bach borrowed the first movement of *Brandenburg Concerto No. 1* for the *Sinfonia*, and composed new recitatives and arias to complete the work.

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Soprano Julianne Baird

izes in early music and has performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. A discography of more than 85 recordings includes recordings of a Handel opera project: *Ezio*, *Sosormezio*, *Muzio*, *Berenice*, *Imeneo*, *Foromondo*, and *Siroe*.

The Dryden Ensemble includes: Jane McKinley, artistic director; oboists, Julie Brye and Virginia Brewer; bassoonist, Marilyn Boenau; violinists, Jorie Garrigue and Rachel Evans; viola player, Daniel Elyar; violoncello player, Lisa Terry; violone player, Jay Ellenbein; and chamber organist, Webb Wiggins.

Princeton tickets are available at Micawber Books, 114 Nassau Street, or at the door for \$22, \$18 (seniors), and \$10 (students).

For further information, call (609) 466-8541.

## Westminster to Present 2 Conservatory Recitals

Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College, continues its faculty recital series with two performances in early January. The first features three clarinetists, piano, and flute on Sunday, January 9, at 4:00 p.m. The second is an evening of music for two flutes and piano, entitled *Diologo Angelico*, on Saturday, January 15, at 8:00 p.m.

Both recitals will be held in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

Clarinetists Kenneth Ellison, Jay Hassler, and Jodi Weitz will be joined by pianists Bingbing Chang, Lynda Saponara, and Edward Deputa, and flutist Kevin Willois, at the January 9 performance.

The program will include Paul Hindemith's *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano*, Lowell Liebermann's *Sonata for Flute and Piano*, Heitor Villa-Lobos' *Chôro for Flute and Clarinet*, Seymour Barab's *Suite for Clarinet and Piano*, and Arnold Cooke's *Suite for Three Clarinets*.

Mr. Ellison has performed with ensembles, including the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra, the Riverside Symphonia, and the Greenville Symphony, and has played under such conductors as Andrea Quinn, John Rutter, Frederick Fennell, and Rossen Milanov, and in venues including Avery Fisher Hall, Merkin Hall, NJPAC and the Spoleto Festival, Charleston, S.C.

He is a member of the Princeton Symphony woodwind trio for the BRAVO! program, the NJ Arts Collective, and the Sonora Winds.

Mr. Hassler is principal clarinetist of the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra and the Martha Graham Company orchestra and has played in the pit of the Broadway hit *The Producers* since that show premiered in 2001. His professional highlights include performing in Brazil and Ukraine, appearing on *The David Letterman Show* and playing with Wayne Shorter in *Jazz From Lincoln Center's Speak No Evil: The Music of Wayne Shorter*.

Ms. Weitz has been a middle school band director in the Piscataway School District for the past three years. She received her master's degree in clarinet performance at Rutgers University. In addition, she is a member of the Whitehouse Wind Symphony and maintains a private clarinet studio.

Ms. Chang received a doctor of musical arts degree from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, and obtained a master of music degree with Pi Kappa Lambda National Honors at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Ms. Saponara has performed in the United States and Austria with singers, instrumentalists, and choirs. Her professional credits include serving as keyboard specialist for the Opera Festival of New Jersey in the premiere performance of *Burning Bright* by Frank Lewin and *Six Characters in Search of an Author* by Hugo Weisgall, as well as master classes with composer John Corigliano.

Tickets for the clarinet, piano and flute recital are \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students. They can be purchased by calling the Westminster box office weekdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (609) 921-2663.

The *Diologo Angelico* recital on January 15 will feature Seth Rosenthal and Barbara Highton Williams, flutes, and Donald Dolan, piano, all of whom are members of the faculty at Westminster Conservatory.

In addition to Goffredo Petrassi's *Diologo Angelico* for two flutes, the program will include two works for two flutes from Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, Taffanel's *Fontsisie sur le Freyschutz* for flute and piano, and Anna Bon di Venezia's *Trio No. 3 in D Minor* for two flutes and continuo. They will also perform works by Amirov, Gaubert, Fauré and Doppler.

Mr. Rosenthal has played flute with the New Jersey Symphony, the New York City Opera and the National Orchestral Association Symphony. He was principal flutist with the Orquestra Sinfonica de Estado de Mexico under Enrique Batiz. He currently plays flute and piccolo in opera orchestras, ballet orchestras, bands, and symphonies in New Jersey and New York.

Ms. Highton Williams received a bachelor of arts in music, with honors, from Principia College. She has concertized on both coasts of the United States, as well as in France.

Mr. Dolan graduated summa cum laude from Vanderbilt University, where he studied with Craig Nies. He earned a master of music degree from the University of Michigan, studying under Anton Nel. A winner of concerto competitions at Vanderbilt and Michigan, he also won



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## New Festival in Trenton Celebrates Patriotism

Patriot's Week, which began on Monday December 27, is a program developed by the Trenton Downtown Association to address Trenton's pivotal role in the Revolutionary War. The festivities will continue through Sunday, January 2.

Actors, portraying colonial merchants, farmers, tavern owners, clergymen, and slaves from 1776, will gather to debate the topic of independence versus loyalty on Wednesday, December 29, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., in the State Assembly Chamber, at the New Jersey State House.

Robert Moulard will perform, *To Drive Cold Winter Away*, on Wednesday, December 29, at Traditions Coffee House in the Old Barracks Museum on Lafayette and Barrack Streets. This one man show is about an Irish harpist who arrived in the colonies in 1754 and fought in the French and Indian War. Performances are at 6 and 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10.

History will come alive at dinner during an evening with Generals George Washington and William Howe, on Wednesday, December 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Archives Restaurant in the

Trenton Marriott Hotel. The menu, which will include boiled ham with harvest corn, peas porridge with chicken fricassee, and plum pudding; is based on recipes found in the 1747 book *Art of Cookery*. Tickets cost \$25 and reservations can be made through Brenda Henehan at the Marriott by calling (609) 656-4502.

The folk music group Stout, which fuses rich vocal harmonies and instrumentation, will perform Thursday, December 30 at the Traditions Coffee House in the Old Barracks Museum located at Lafayette and Barrack Streets. Performances are at 6 and 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10.

The Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra will perform music ranging from symphonic waltzes to big band swing at the Patriot's Theater at the War Memorial, on Monday, December 31, from 8 to 10 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$65.

The first Battle of Trenton will be re-enacted on Sunday, January 2, from 11 a.m. until noon at the Battle Monument located at West State and Calhoun Streets. The second Battle of Trenton will be re-enacted on Sunday, from 3-4 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 120 East State Street. Also on Sunday,

from 2:30-3 p.m., the church will host a tribute to the British, Hessian, and rebel forces who lost their lives in the Battles of Trenton.

Historical details come to life in the made for cable movie *The Crossing*, starring Jeff Daniels as General George Washington. The movie will be showing at 6:30, on Thursday, December 30, at the Trenton Public Library on Academy Street.

To put a contemporary face on the concept of patriotism, the 15th Masonic District of New Jersey will host the New Jersey Veteran's luncheon on Sunday, January 2, from noon until 1 p.m. The luncheon will take place at the Masonic Temple located on Front and Barrack Streets.

For a full listing of the activities planned for Patriot's Week, visit [www.patriotsweek.com](http://www.patriotsweek.com).

## Arts Council, Library Series To Focus on 'Men in Film'

Issues of fundamental importance to men are the focus of a new monthly film series to be presented jointly by Princeton Public Library and the Arts Council of Princeton.

Starting Wednesday, January 12, at 7 p.m., and continuing on the first Wednesday of each month through June, the free series, entitled "Real Men, Reel Men: Beyond the Macho Myth," will screen feature films that challenge the stereotypical Hollywood portrayal of men as tough, macho individuals of few words and fewer emotions.

Each of the six movies will be introduced by a member of the film selection committee, and following the screening, committee members will lead the audience in a discussion of the issues presented by the movie. Of particular interest will be exploring what audience members see (reel life) as compared with authentic representations of experience (real life).

The films include *I Never Sang for My Father*, *Water Dance*, *Ulee's Gold*, *Shower*, *Time Out*, and *Man on a Train*.

"Beyond the Macho Myth" follows a series entitled, "Real Life, Reel Life: Women of a Certain Age," presented in 2002-2003.

The Silver Century Foundation, which supports programs that explore what it means to grow older, is funding the series. The film selection committee, including Kay Klotzburger, president of the Foundation, film historian Marilyn Campbell, therapist Marion Pollack, Susan Roth of the Library, and Janet Stern of the Arts Council, made selections based on how the films dealt with men.

"We were interested in different men at different stages of their lives, facing different kinds of relationships and conflicts — vulnerable men with real stories, not supermen," Dr. Klotzburger said.

Because many of the relationships and conflicts center on the women in the protagonists' lives, the committee believes the series will also appeal to women. Committee member Marion Pollack said, "Films can be studied from many points of view. We can look at film as craft, as art, as technology. And we can study film from the eye of the individual. It is our hope that this film series will evoke emotion and opinion that will lead to lively discussion."

All screenings will take place in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library, 65 Witherspoon Street.

For more information, call the Library at (609) 924-9529, ext. 257, or contact the Arts Council at (609) 924-8777 or [www.arts.councilofprinceton.org](http://www.arts.councilofprinceton.org).

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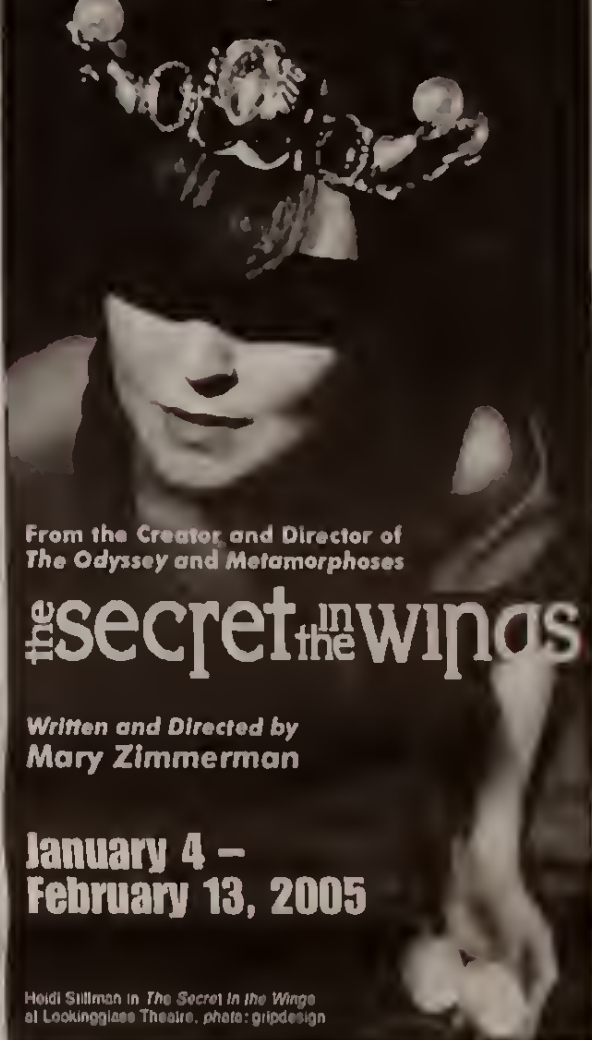
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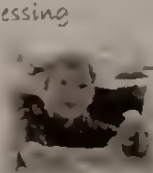
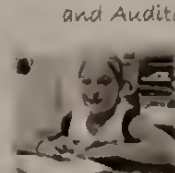
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## CINEMA REVIEW

Meet the Fockers

## Pointless Sequel Relies on Risqué and Scatological Humor

**F**our years ago, the film *Meet the Parents* introduced us to hapless Gaylord "Greg" Focker (Ben Stiller), an awkward male nurse who accompanied his fiancée, Pam (Teri Polo), home for a weekend in order to ask her folks, Dina (Blythe Danner) and Jack (Robert De Niro) Byrnes, for their daughter's hand in marriage. However, Greg found it impossible to please Dina's dad, a hard-boiled, suspicious, overprotective, former CIA agent.

That madcap adventure focused narrowly on the interplay between Greg and Jack over the course of a weekend when the clumsy suitor set off a destructive chain of events which almost wrecked the house. The family cat was spray painted, the sewage system flooded, the yard was set on fire, and so forth.

*Meet the Fockers*, in comparison, is a scattered collection of off color wisecracks, pratfalls, and crude bathroom humor which never hits the mark. The sequel stoops to distracting devices involving pets, a servant, a precocious infant, and a sadistic Southern cop.

Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand as Greg's parents, Bernie and Roz, may be playing the most

embarrassing roles of their careers. They play a carefree bohemian couple whose every lewd and licentious move shocks the staid Byrnes.

The story starts with Jack driving the family to Florida in an R.V. for a get acquainted weekend with Greg's parents, a doctor and a lawyer. He soon learns that attorney Bernie is a sex starved house-husband who hasn't practiced law in years and that Roz is a sex therapist with a thriving practice.

The plot thickens when an attractive female Cuban caterer shows up with a son who bears an uncanny resemblance to Greg. Bernie announces that the caterer took his son's virginity when he was a teenager.

Jack injects his future son-in-law with truth serum to get to the bottom of the matter. Greg reveals not only that affair, but a whole lot more of what is on his mind. Unfortunately,

this plot twist, which reveals Greg's alter ego, falls flat.

**T**hat's the least of the movie's failings. It is a slapdash mishmash where nothing works, which means there's no reason to rendezvous with these Fockers.

Fair (★). Rated PG-13 for crude, off-color humor, profanity, and a drug reference. Running time: 114 minutes. Distributor: Universal.

—Kam Williams



**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:** Roz (Barbra Streisand, center), in order to get better acquainted with her soon-to-be relatives, takes her future daughter-in-law Pam (Teri Polo, right), and Pam's mother Dina (Blythe Danner), for some shopping at the mall.



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**The Aviator** (PG-13 for nudity, sexual content, mature themes, profanity, and a crash sequence). Martin Scorsese tapped Leonardo DiCaprio to play Howard Hughes in this biopic about the enterprising, eccentric playboy who parlayed a modest inheritance into a massive fortune. With Kate Beckinsale as Ava Gardner, Cate Blanchett as Katherine Hepburn, Jude Law as Errol Flynn, Gwen Stefani as Jean Harlow, Jane Lynch as Amelia Earhart, Stanley DeSantis as Louis B. Mayer, and Michael-John Wolf as Cary Grant.

**Bad Education** (Unrated). Oscar-winner Pedro Almodovar (*Talk to Her*) wrote and directed this semi-autobiographical film which examines the effect of sexual abuse by a Catholic priest on the friendship of two boys, one of whom grows up to be a filmmaker. In Spanish with subtitles.

**Claser** (R for sexuality, nudity, and profanity). Oscar-winner Mike Nichols (*The Graduate*) directs this adaptation of the Patrick Marber play of the same name. Leading ladies Julia Roberts and Natalie Portman appear opposite Clive Owen and Jude Law in a bawdy relationship drama about the effect of chance, instant attraction, and casual betrayal on two couples.

**Fat Albert** (PG for mild epithets). SNL's Kenan Thompson handles the title character in this live action adaptation of Bill Cosby's television cartoon series about the misadventures of a bunch of boys from the same Philly neighborhood. Cast members include Kyla Pratt and Raven Symone.

**Finding Neverland** (PG for adult themes and mild epithets). Johnny Depp stars as Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie in this family drama which speculates about what might have been the inspiration behind *Peter Pan*, his revered children's classic. With Kate Winslet, Vanessa Redgrave, Dustin Hoffman, and Julie Christie.

**The Flight of the Phoenix** (PG-13 for profanity and violence). Remake of the 1965 film with Jimmy Stewart, Ernest Borgnine, Peter Finch, Richard Attenborough, and George Kennedy. This colorized update features Dennis Quaid as the captain of an ill-fated cargo plane which crashes in the Mongolian Desert where passengers and crew get on each other's nerves while trying to repair the damaged aircraft.

**Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and disturbing images). Don Cheadle landed a Golden Globe nomination for his performance in this true story about a hotel manager who saved over 1,000 refugees from ethnic cleansing during the Rwandan civil war. With Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, and Cara Seymour.

**Hause of Flying Daggers** (PG-13 for stylized martial arts action and some sexuality). Historical costume drama, set near the close of the Tang Dynasty, about the attempt of police deputies to save an enchanting dancer from a gang of revolutionaries. In Mandarin with subtitles.

**The Incredibles** (PG for action violence). Disney animated, sci-fi adventure about a family of super-heroes, living secretly in suburbia under the witness protection program, who come out of seclusion to save the world from a super-villain bent on world domination. Voices of characters provided by Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, Craig T. Nelson, and Jason Lee.

**Kinsey** (R for sex content). Laura Linney and Liam Neeson star in this look at the life of Alfred Kinsey, Harvard-educated academic whose pioneering research in human sexual behavior in the late Forties opened up a whole new field of study.

**Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG for mature themes, scary situations, and mild epithets). Jim Carrey narrates this adaptation of the popular children's book series as the greedy Count who adopts three orphaned distant relatives with the hope of stealing the kids' inheritance.

**The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R for sex, expletives, nudity, drug use, and violence). Call Bill Murray Steve in this madcap update of Moby Dick about a revenge-minded oceanographer who sets out on an expedition to hunt down the jaguar shark which killed his partner. Along for the ride in this comic adventure are Steve's estranged wife (Anjelica Huston), a journalist (Cate Blanchett), and an airline pilot (Owen Wilson) who might be his son.

**Meet the Fockers** (PG-13 for off-color humor, profanity, and a drug reference). Sequel to *Meet the Parents* introduces Barbra Streisand and Dustin Hoffman as the very ethnic parents of Ben Stiller. Plot has Robert DeNiro and Blythe Danner, returning as protective parents of the bride (Teri Polo), now venturing to Florida to size-up their daughter's soon to be in-laws.

**Ocean's Twelve** (PG-13 for profanity). Original ensemble cast returns for sequel, expanding gang to accommodate the addition of Danny's (George Clooney) wife (Julia Roberts). This go-round, they decide to pull a trio of heists in Rome, Paris, and Amsterdam. Fresh faces include Catherine Zeta-Jones-Douglas, Bruce Willis, and Peter Fonda.

**The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13 for brief violent images). Joel Schumacher brings the Andrew Lloyd Webber Broadway hit musical to the big screen. Set in Paris in the 19th Century, this romantic epic revolves around a disfigured genius (Gerard Butler) who pines for the love of a beautiful young soprano (Emmy Rossum). With Minnie Driver and Alan Cumming.

**The Polar Express** (G). Animated adaptation of *Jumanji* author Chris Van Allsburg's children's book about a boy whose belief in Santa Claus is rewarded by the arrival of a train to take him to the North Pole as proof. Tom Hanks stars, supplying the voice of a half-dozen characters including the boy, his father, the conductor, a hobo, Scrooge, and St. Nick.

**Sideways** (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Road film with Paul Giamatti as a recently-divorced writer who embarks on a weekend exploration of the California wine country with a washed-up actor friend (Thomas Haden Church) to soak their woes while reflecting on their failed relationships.

**Spanglish** (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Academy Award-winner James L. Brooks (*Terms of Endearment*) directs this cross-cultural comedy about the effect of the arrival of an attractive, Mexican immigrant housekeeper (Paz Flor) on the family of a famous chef (Adam Sandler) and his insecure wife (Tea Leoni).

**A Very Long Engagement** (R for violence and sexuality). Audrey Tautou stars in a World War I romance drama, adapted from the novel of the same name by Sebastien Japrisot, as a woman desperately searching everywhere from the city of Paris to the trenches on the front lines for her missing fiancé, a soldier who had been court-martialed. In French with subtitles.

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2. Napoleon Dynamite
3. Elf
4. Bourne Supremacy
5. Dodgeball

### Princeton Video

1. The Manchurian Candidate
2. De-Lovely
3. Collateral
4. Dodgeball
5. King Arthur

### West Coast Video

1. Napoleon Dynamite
2. The Manchurian Candidate
3. King Arthur
4. I, Robot
5. Collateral

## Current Cinema

Titles and times subject to change; call theater.

**PRINCETON GARDEN THEATRE, (609) 683-7595**  
 160 Nassau Street

Friday, December 31 — Thursday, January 6  
**The Aviator** (PG-13): Fri., 3, 6:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun., 11:45, 3, 6:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thurs., 5, 8:15  
**Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13): Fri., 3, 6, 9; Sat.-Sun., 12, 3, 6, 9; Mon.-Thurs., 5, 8

**MONTGOMERY CINEMAS, (609) 924-7444**  
 1325 Route 206, Montgomery Shopping Center

Wednesday, December 29 — Thursday, January 6  
**Bad Education** (R): Wed.-Thurs., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10; Fri.-Sat., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10; Sun.-Thurs., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10

**Beyond The Sea** (PG-13): Wed.-Thurs., 2, 4:30, 7; Fri.-Sat., 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30; Sun.-Thurs., 2, 4:30, 7

**Kinsey** (R): Wed.-Thurs., 2, 4:30, 7; Fri.-Sat., 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30; Sun.-Thurs., 2, 4:30, 7

**Life Aquatic, The** (R): Wed.-Thurs., 2, 4:35, 7:10; Fri.-Sat., 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Sun.-Thurs., 2, 4:35, 7:10

**Sideways** (R): Wed.-Thurs., 2, 4:35, 7:10; Fri.-Sat., 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Sun.-Thurs., 2, 4:35, 7:10

**Very Long Engagement** (PG-13): Wed.-Thurs., 1:45, 4:25, 7:05; Fri.-Sat., 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Sun.-Thurs., 1:45, 4:25, 7:05

**HILLSBOROUGH CINEMAS, (908) 874-8181**  
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**United Artists Theatres at MarketFair 10, (609) 520-8700**  
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**BEYOND THE SEA**  
 Wed & Thurs 2:00, 4:30, 7:00,  
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**BAD EDUCATION**  
 Wed & Thurs 2:20, 4:45, 7:10;  
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 Sun-Thurs 2:20, 4:45, 7:10 (R)

**VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT**  
 Wed & Thurs 1:45, 4:25, 7:05;  
 Fri & Sat 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45;  
 Sun-Thurs 1:45, 4:25, 7:05 (PG-13)

**SIDEWAYS**  
 Wed & Thurs 2:00, 4:35, 7:10,  
 Fri & Sat 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45,  
 Sun-Thurs 2:00, 4:35, 7:10 (R)

**KINSEY**  
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**PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**  
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 Sat & Sun, January 1 & 2:  
 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00  
 Mon-Thur, January 3-6: 5:00, 8:00





**SIGN O' THE TIMES:** Hundreds of residents lined up on a Saturday morning in October at the Eckerd Drug Store in the Princeton Shopping Center for flu shots. The entire country underwent a shortage of shots, when the British government prohibited Chiron Corporation, a major vaccine supplier, from shipping to the U.S. after contamination concerns. The shortage shut down free clinics that normally administer flu shots.

(Photo by George Vogel)



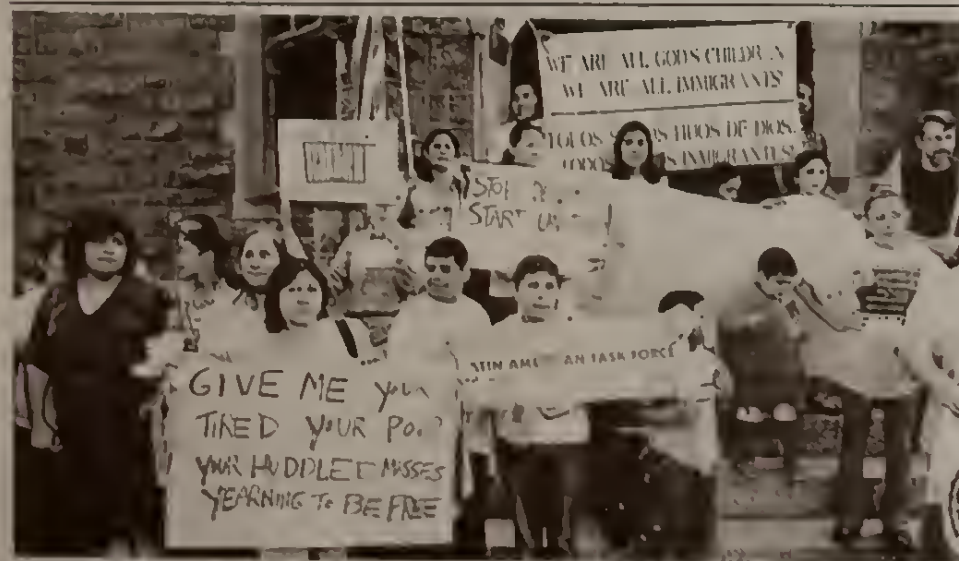
**BEGINNING A NEW YEAR:** Former Mayor Marvin Reed swears in Mayor-Elect Joseph O'Neill at the Borough Council's reorganization meeting for 2004. Mr. Reed stepped down from his position at the end of 2003, after serving as mayor for 13 years. Pictured with Mr. O'Neill is his wife, Anne.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)



**LOCAL REPRESENTATION:** Local legislators were not absent from the national political arena this presidential election season. Princeton resident Beth Healey, far left, described the Democratic National Convention as a "big party" where similar ideals could be expressed and put forth on the national stage. With her are, from left, Borough Councilwoman Wendy Benchley, Princeton resident and Democratic organizer Jenny Crumiller, and Jim Healey.

(Photo courtesy of Jenny Crumiller)



**IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE:** In July, Mercer County immigrants gathered outside St. Paul's Church in Princeton to express concern about the increase of deportation incidents in Central New Jersey. An estimated 250 immigrants and their supporters marched down Nassau Street to show support for humane immigrant reforms.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

put under lock-down for a day. While nothing came of that particular incident, the same period saw two separate attacks on Hispanic residents by black youths, also residents, one of whom was involved in both attacks. Further alarming the community was a Halloween incident at the corner of Bayard Lane and Hodge Road involving upwards of 50 youths making gang-related hand gestures at one another.

Called in response to these acts of violence, a November meeting of the Princeton Human Services Commission on race relations attracted many concerned members of the community. A gang violence forum hosted by police and the Princeton Regional Schools later the same month alerted the public to gang symbols and language. An investigator assured parents that gang violence was not prevalent in Princeton.

#### Immigration

With immigration raids already increasing throughout the country, including one mid-October incident in the Borough where nine men were taken away in handcuffs by immigration officials, the Borough passed a resolution in November calling for immigration reforms in the federal government. Responding to distrust in the Latino community after immigration officials identified themselves as police while raiding a Witherspoon Street residence, the police assured Hispanic residents they did not need to be afraid to come forward and report any criminal incidents.

Princeton Township Committee, however, denied requests to adopt a resolution, pointing out that such an enactment was not necessarily applicable in the Township. According to Mayor Marchand "a piece of paper is not going to specifically make [immigrants] more comfortable."

#### Colin Powell

In February, Secretary of State Colin Powell visited Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium to accept the Crystal Tiger Award, a new prize presented by Princeton undergraduates that recognizes an individual who has impacted lives, communities, and values. His appearance was one of the highlights of the week-long 100th birthday celebration of historian and former Ambassador George F. Kennan.

Mr. Powell also defended the use of force in Iraq, saying the U.S.-led war is "justified, and [is being] fought skillfully and is bringing a new dignity to the Iraqi people and to the entire region."

Mr. Powell's speech took place as 30 to 40 people gathered outside at Tiger Park to protest the war and to call for peace.

#### Flu Shot Shortage

When the U.K.-based Chiron Corporation announced in the early fall that its license had been suspended because of sterility concerns in its product Fluvirin, communities all over the country felt the impact of the flu vaccine shortage. The shortage placed strains on local pharmacies forced to administer the vaccines to a limited number of residents. At the time, the vaccine shortage shut down area flu clinics administering free shots. As a result hundreds lined up outside pharmacies like Eckerd Drug Store at the Princeton Shopping Center to purchase flu shots that would have otherwise been dispensed at clinics.

#### Hospital's Home?

The Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS), which comprises several care facilities including the University Medical Center at Princeton on Witherspoon Street, released its strategic plan calling for widespread expansion and improvements to existing facilities. The prospect of expansion also entailed potential relocation to a campus within 15 to 20 minutes of downtown Princeton.

PHCS has indicated that if it were to move, it would ideally acquire between 35 and 50 acres of land to house the various factions of PHCS, including Princeton House Behavioral Health, Merwick Rehab Hospital & Nursing Care, Princeton HomeCare Services, Princeton Fitness & Wellness Center, and the Princeton Surgical Center.

This relocation/expansion question spawned a community dialogue led by the Princeton Health Care Task Force, a body of municipal planning, zoning, and elected officials specifically created to address the hospital issues. The task force has recently completed a series of public forums exploring the hospital's options. The hospital has yet to indicate whether it will stay or leave.

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**WALLACE COMMENTS ON THE MEDIA:** '60 Minutes' correspondent Mike Wallace joined George J. W. Goodman, chair of Adam Smith Global Television, and Thomas Christensen (not pictured), professor of politics and public and international affairs at Princeton University, to speak on "World Leaders on 60 Minutes" back in September.



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but a decision is expected in the near future.

### School Construction

The \$81.3 million construction and renovation project for all six schools in the district made a lot of headway this year, as all four elementary schools opened on time this fall, with only punch-list items still needing to be completed. John Witherspoon Middle School opened with a brand new science wing, and its new pool was completed in late November. Construction and renovation projects are still continuing at the school.

Construction work on Princeton High School was delayed until the end of 2003. New construction is now expected to be completed sometime next summer. Contractors fell approximately seven months behind due to delays in approval of construction drawings and a gas leak at the school at the end of April, according to representatives of Ernest Bock & Sons, the school's contractors.

Parking problems at the high school were finally addressed this year, beginning with discussions in late February and concluding with a parking plan that was in place when school started in September.

Approved by the Borough, Township, and school board, the plan allotted 70 parking spaces per semester for students on roads surrounding the high school. The plan still has flaws, with many parents and residents asking that the permit hours end at 3 p.m., rather than 6 p.m. This and other issues with the parking system will be addressed between the district and the municipalities early on in the new year.

### Phase II

In May, the Princeton Regional Planning Board approved plans for developer Nassau HKT to embark on the second phase of the downtown redevelopment project. Phase I was the building of the Spring Street municipal garage and the open square adjacent to the newly-built Princeton Public Library.

The construction of the new structure is slated to begin sometime in the spring on the current site of the surface lot at the corner of Tulane and Spring streets.

Otherwise known as "Building C," the L-shaped structure will also include 10 affordable housing units, a courtyard, and two public walkways. One pedestrian-only walkway will connect Spring Street with a 13-foot-wide, two-way delivery corridor running between Building C and the Princeton Record Exchange.

The May approval preceded the end of Concerned Citizens of Princeton's unsuccessful attempt to halt the downtown development. In late October, Concerned Citizens lost its bid to reopen a legal case against the municipality, thus ending its lawsuit, which declared that Princeton Borough Council had moved forward with the \$13.7 million downtown redevelopment project despite clear opposition from residents.

The two-year battle was resolved at the Mercer County Superior Court level in June, and dismissed by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the fall.

### A Dry Fete

To the dismay of Fete organizers, rain had become a regular factor in the annual day fair, but not this year. While it did rain — substantially, in fact — the 2004 "Rocket Fete" was able to keep a drenching at bay by holding its 51st Annual event along the concourse of the Princeton Stadium.

### New Library, Garage

The new Princeton Public Library on Witherspoon Street opened in April, soon followed by the opening of the Spring Street garage. After some glitches during the first few weeks, there was a positive move forward, with the library boasting an attendance of more than 2,000 patrons per day. The library said goodbye to its board of trustees president, Harry Levine, in July, and welcomed its new president, Nancy Russell, shortly thereafter. In the fall the library was the scene of a remembrance ceremony for Christopher Reeve, a former Princeton resident, actor, and advocate of stem cell research, who died on October 10.

Currently underway, the next phase of the project is the plaza outside the library, and the Witherspoon House apartments, which will offer a restaurant on its first floor. The Witherspoon Grill is due to open by summer 2005.



**HEADLESS MARCHERS:** Twenty large sculptures by Magdalena Abakanowicz were displayed at the entrance of McCormick Hall on the Princeton University campus. The sculptures, "Big Figures," are each about nine feet tall and weigh 600 pounds.

### Cicados!

After 17 years, the Brood X swarm of cicadas crawled out of the ground, providing a turbine-hum soundtrack to Princeton for about six weeks in the spring. Princeton was particularly vulnerable to the swarm because of the old trees whose roots have housed generations of cicadas for hundreds of years.

The phenomenon of trees teeming and humming with cicadas caught some residents off-guard. Historically known for their bad eyesight, the cicadas were perceived to "attack" some innocent passers-by. But the underground dwellers were simply looking for a tree, a utility pole, a bush, or anything upright to latch onto.

### Borough Taxes

In July, the Borough passed a budget of \$21.94 million for 2004, despite hearty complaints from residents in the months leading up to the vote. Taxes increased by 12 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of land, two cents less than originally predicted, as a result of last-minute funding the municipality received from the state.

To reassure residents, the Borough passed a resolution promising that it would try to keep taxes at the same level for 2005. In December, Council was given assurance that that goal was still possible.

Fears of the Borough losing some of its tax revenue from nearby eating clubs at Princeton University were recently calmed when Acting Governor Richard Codey signed a bill into law in December that will prevent eating clubs such as the Cottage Club from evading their tax obligations to the Borough. The club pays more than \$50,000 to the Borough each year.

### Elections

In January, Joseph O'Neill was sworn in as the new mayor of Princeton Borough, after the retirement of Mayor Marvin Reed. Both men worked together in January and February to finalize the Palmer Square housing settlement, which approved construction of the 97 housing units on Paul Robeson Place after a 13-year struggle over the developer's terms. Scheduled to be completed within the next five to 10 years, 10 units of affordable housing were part of the agreement.

Later in the year the Borough also approved stacked parking for the three downtown garages, which would allow for more parking space.



**OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** The new Spring Street garage opened to the Princeton community in May, an easement to the parking problems that exist downtown. Pictured is Parking Attendant George Cumberbatch in front of the garage's lighted green "open" sign.

(Photo by Candace Braun)



**SEPTUAGENARIAN FUN:** The Class of '52 sported colorful tiger stripes and caps as they snaked through Princeton University campus for the annual reunions weekend P-rade. Alumni, spouses, and their children joined the march before moving on to post-P-rade receptions. The festivities were capped off by fireworks.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)



**THE CRYSTAL TIGER:** U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell accepted the Crystal Tiger Award at a speech at Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall in February. The award, given by the undergraduate students at Princeton University, recognizes individuals who impact lives, communities, and values. Secretary Powell is the first recipient of the award.

(Photo courtesy of Princeton University)



**CAPPING OFF HER PRINCETON TENURE:** Then-University Provost Amy Guttmann, center, took part in the University's Commencement ceremonies in June. In January, Prof. Guttmann announced her intention to leave her post at the University to become president of the University of Pennsylvania, effective July 1. University Prof. Christopher Eisgruber was named as Prof. Guttmann's successor.

(Photo: George Wages)

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**THE PAUL ROBESON CENTER FOR THE ARTS:** In June, the Princeton Regional Planning Board approved the construction of a 16,740-square-foot building on the corner of Paul Robeson Place and Witherspoon Street. The prospect of approval sparked an intense debate between organization and community representatives.

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es once the new apartments are built.

In February, Andrew Koontz was sworn in as the new member of Borough Council, assuming the seat vacated by Mayor O'Neill. Mr. Koontz beat out former Councilman Mark Freda by a Council vote of 3 to 2.

In early spring, Anne Waldron Neumann, Democrat, Mark Freda, Democrat, and Princeton University student Evan Baehr, Republican, announced their intent to run against incumbent Democrats Mr. Koontz and Roger Martindell for a three-year term on Borough Council.

Mr. Koontz and Mr. Martindell won the June primary and retained their seats on Council in the November election.

In the Township, Witherspoon Street resident Lance Liverman was elected to fill the seat of departing Committeewoman Karen C. "Casey" Hegener, and Mayor Phyllis Marchand was re-elected to Committee, a seat she has held since 1987. She has served nine consecutive one-year terms as mayor and is expected to be voted in again by her colleagues on Committee at the Township re-organization meeting this Sunday.

Mr. Liverman, the current vice chairman of Princeton

Human Services Commission, also heads up Liverman Associates, a real estate venture. He is also a trustee on the Princeton Community Village Housing Board and the Arts Council of Princeton's Neighborhood Advisory Board.

### Elected Officials

School Board members Anne Burns and Charlotte Bialek exchanged leadership roles in the spring, with Ms. Burns becoming the new Board president and Ms. Bialek becoming the new vice president. Incumbent Board candidates JoAnn Cunningham, Alan Hegedus, and Ms. Bialek were re-elected this year, and the district's \$62.3 million budget passed

by a margin of 2 to 1.

After an announcement in early spring that the district's superintendent of four years, Dr. Claire Sheff Kohn, would be leaving her post on July 1 for a position in Massachusetts, the district launched the search for a replacement. Dr. Richard Marasco was hired in June as interim superintendent, and Judith Wilson, current superintendent in the Woodbury School District, was officially hired as the new superintendent in October, and will assume her post on February 1. She was named New Jersey's superintendent of the year shortly after Princeton hired her.

### SAT Scores, Senior Trip

After holding first place

in SAT scores for two years, the district fell to number three in 2004 behind Millburn and Montgomery. However, the district moved ahead in other areas of education this year, after receiving one state grant to begin a pre-kindergarten program at Johnson Park Elementary School, and another to start a program that will help individualize student attention on the freshman level at the high school.

Following efforts this fall by PHS class president Sasha Jean to schedule a senior class trip to Disney World for the entire student body next spring, the trip was recently cancelled due to a lack of student interest. With the initial cost estimated at \$700 per student, some Board members had opposed the trip because it would exclude some students.

### Lawsuit, Arrests

Along with the positive actions taken this year in the Princeton Regional Schools, the district was also faced with some difficult issues. This fall a lawsuit was filed by parents of female softball and ice hockey students at PHS contending that the district was in violation of Title IX, which makes it illegal for schools to deny educational benefits on the basis of gender.

With the parents' main concern being the need for more and better fields for the girls' softball team, the Board stepped up to the plate in late November by passing a resolution that asks the district's administration to consider provid-

ing funds in the 2005-2006 school budget for two new softball fields, and to update the existing field at John Witherspoon Middle School. Thus far the lawsuit has not been dropped.

At the end of November, the district also learned that two employees of Princeton

Young Achievers, an after-school program for at-risk youths operating out of the district's Valley Road building, were arrested and arraigned in connection with the purchase of \$6,600 in computer equipment and office supplies on an unauthorized Staples account. Nichelle Hill, 37, of Willingboro, the former executive director of PYA, and Beverly Harrington, 34, of Princeton, her assistant, both left their positions prior to the arrests.

### Millstone Bypassed

At a town forum in West Windsor in February, New Jersey's Department of Transportation all but wrote the epitaph to the former Millstone Bypass.

The proposed \$65 million dollar road realignment had been the cause of much consternation among municipalities and land owners along the Penns Neck portion of Route 1. Under DOT's new plan, Harrison Street will end in a cul-de-sac and then connect drivers through 23 acres of Princeton University land along an access road toward Route 1.

All parties involved seem to be pleased with the new plan—except West Windsor, which had supported

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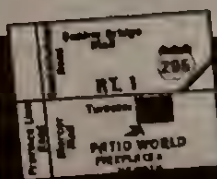
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**THE MAN FROM HOPE:** In addition to appearing at the Rush Holt fund-raiser, former President Bill Clinton was in the Princeton area back in August to promote his new biography, 'My Life.' After leaving the fund-raising event in Hopewell Township, Mr. Clinton appeared at Sam's Club in West Windsor Township for a book signing.

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**ACCEPTING HIS HONOR:** Princeton poet C.K. Williams was one of four writers honored at the National Book Awards ceremony in February. A professor of creative writing at Princeton University, Mr. Williams received an award for his collection "The Singing."

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**AN EXERCISE IN URBAN RENEWAL:** The Princeton Writer's Block brought together architectural styles and the written word to create a downtown literary haven in a vacant lot behind Palmer Square this summer. Princeton author Peter Benchley's pavilion, or "folly," shown here, was designed by Princeton architect Andrew Outerbridge. The outdoor installation teamed up architects like Kevin Wilkes, Ronald Berlin, and Gil Rappy, with writers like Civil War expert James McPherson, New York Times columnist Paul Krugman, and author Joyce Carol Oates.

(Photo by M.B. Hersh)

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an "eastside connector" roadway that would have run alongside the Millstone River, effectively diverting traffic from Washington Road, a residential area in West Windsor.

"Of course we are very disappointed," said West Windsor Township Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh.

The DOT conceded that while an eastside connector would have been an effective solution to facilitate traffic flow, too many environmental factors were at play.

"Between disturbing the floodplains [of the Millstone River], and endangered species, there were just too many environmental impacts that would have to be addressed," said DOT spokesperson Mike Horan.

### Writers Block

Talk about urban renewal: in June a team of Princeton architects, landscapers, and visionaries unveiled their plan to turn a vacant lot behind Palmer Square into a "literary garden" that would showcase Princeton's literary and architectural luminaries. The organizers, project coordinator Peter Soderman, architects Kevin Wilkes and Alan Goodheart, partnership coordinator Dana Lichtstrahl, and events coordinator Hope Van Cleef, solicited involvement from both architects and writers.

The project brought 10 design teams with local authors to produce something that many had never seen before: a garden of follies, or garden structures, where families could visit and various groups could hold outdoor readings. The highlight of the four-month installation: Civil War expert James McPherson standing in the early autumn afternoon light at his Kevin Wilkes-designed folly reading from his Pulitzer Prize-winning *Battle Cry of Freedom*.

The garden proved to be somewhat of a financial burden for organizers when the follies did not attract large amounts of money after being put up for auction in October, but organizers felt vindicated when, in November, the New Jersey Chapter of the American Institute of Architects announced the In-town garden had been issued the Honor Award for Built Project in 2004.

Organizers hope to put up similar installations in years to come.

—Candace Braun  
—Matthew Hersh



**ALL ABOARD THE PEACE TRAIN:** Anti-war protestors boarded the 10:13 a.m. Dinky to Princeton Junction on a cold Saturday morning in March after holding a 45-minute rally at the Princeton Station. The group of about 75 joined a protest in Manhattan marking the first anniversary of the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

(Photo by George Vogel)



**BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS:** Marking Flag Day by attending a ceremony at Princeton Borough Hall were Princeton residents, from left, Virginia Craig, Sylvia Roth, and Edith Benedetti. The holiday celebrates the anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our national banner.

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# Sports

## YEAR END REVIEW

### Tiger Sports Produced Valiant Near-Misses in 2004; Local High Schoolers Forged Dramatic Turnarounds

While 2004 turned into a year of near-misses on the national scene for Princeton University athletics, the triumphs earned along the way made for some indelible memories.

In addition, Princeton athletes made a splash on the world stage as several Tigers excelled at the Athens Summer Olympics.

On the local high school scene, several programs made dramatic turnarounds that proved how sweetly unpredictable sports can be from year-to-year.

#### Winter Tales

After a rare one-year hiatus from post-season play, the Princeton men's basketball team restored the natural order of hoops as it cruised to the Ivy League crown, the 36th for the storied program.

A confident Tigers' squad, led by two first-team All-Ivy performers in Judson Wallace

and Will Venable, headed to Denver for the NCAA tournament in March looking to upend heavily-favored Texas. Princeton gave the Longhorns fits in the first half but eventually succumbed 66-49 to finish the season at 20-8.

Princeton then suffered another loss as head coach John Thompson III left the program to follow in his father's footsteps and coach Georgetown.

But, keeping Princeton's hoops world in order, former Tiger hoops star and assistant coach, the fiery Joe Scott, returned from a successful stint at Air Force to take the reins of the program.

In the water, Princeton swimmers continued their dominance. The women's team, coached by Susan Teeter, won its fifth straight Ivy crown while the men won their second league title in the last three years under the guidance of Rob Orr.

On ice, the Tiger women's hockey team solidified its status as one of the solid programs in the country as it posted another 20-win campaign. Princeton, though, fell to Brown in the ECAC quarterfinals to end at 20-11-2.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Princeton men's hockey team suffered through another 20-loss campaign, costing head coach Len Quesnelle his job. Princeton brought in Guy Gadowsky from Alaska/Fairbanks to help energize the program.

The men's track team showed plenty of energy as it rallied past Cornell to win the Ivy League Heptagonal championship.

Princeton's men's squash team failed to win an Ivy League crown but sophomore sensation Yasser El-Halaby made history as he won his second straight individual national championship.

#### Spring Success

For most of the spring, the Princeton women's lacrosse team dominated the headlines. The two-time defending national champions, coached by Chris Sailer, were ranked No. 1 nationally almost from day one of the season as they piled up



**BOYLED OVER:** Princeton lacrosse star Ryan Boyle fights past a Rutgers defender on the way to a career-high four goal effort as the Tigers whipped the Scarlet Knights 12-4 last May in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. Boyle helped lead the Tigers to the NCAA Final Four. Boyle ended his career as the second leading scorer in program history with 232 points, trailing only Kevin Lowe's 274. He was named the Ivy League Player of the Year and earned first-team All American honors. Boyle moved on to Major League Lacrosse after graduation and helped lead the Philadelphia Barrage to its first-ever MLL crown.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

win after win.

The Tigers broke the program record for consecutive wins and brought a 19-0 record into the national title game against Virginia. Even though playing at Princeton Stadium, the Tigers wilted in the 90 degree heat, picking the wrong time to lose their only game of the season as the Cavaliers won 10-4 to dash Princeton's dream of a three-peat.

Despite ending the season on a low note, the Tigers' special spring was recognized nationally as Theresa Sherry, Lindsey Biles, Katie Norbury, and Elizabeth Pillion each earned first-team All-American honors.

At the beginning of the spring, Princeton men's lacrosse coach Bill Tierney wasn't sure what to expect. Tierney, who has guided Princeton to six NCAA championships, entered the season with a roster stocked with freshman that included only four players who had ever started a game prior to 2004.

Luckily for Tierney and the Tigers, one of those veterans was senior attacker Ryan Boyle, who took the young Tigers on his shoulders and carried them all the way to the NCAA Final Four. Although Princeton fell 8-7 to Navy in the national semifinal, Tierney asserted that it was one of the most gratifying seasons of his legendary tenure at Princeton.

Boyle, for his part, ended his career as the second leading scorer in program history with 232 points, trailing only Kevin Lowe's

274. He was named the Ivy League Player of the Year and earned first-team All American honors. The 5'11, 180-pound Hunt Valley, Md. native wasn't finished leading teams on improbable runs as he moved on to Major League Lacrosse after graduation and helped the Philadelphia Barrage to its first-ever MLL crown.

The Princeton baseball team also had a good run as it won its ninth straight Gehrig Division title and then swept Dartmouth in a playoff series to win the Ivy crown. The Tigers topped host Virginia in the opening round of the NCAA tourney but then lost two straight and were eliminated.

Led by former major leaguer Scott Bradley, Princeton's professionalism was noticed as five players, Tim Lahey, Steve Young, Ross Ohlendorf, B.J. Szymanski, and Will Venable, were chosen in the MLB draft in June.

Down on Lake Carnegie, the Princeton crew program didn't produce a national champion as it has done on a nearly annual basis. The women's open boat, though, showed potential for the future as it won the Eastern Sprints and the Ivy League crown.

On the links, both the Princeton men's and women's golf teams brought home Ivy crowns. Junior star Avery Kiser won her third straight Ivy individual title while Jason Gerken and John Swain went one-two on the men's side.

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**SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT:** Princeton University senior soccer stars Esmeralda Negron, left, and Brea Griffiths exult after teammate Maura Gallagher scored an overtime goal in the Tigers' 1-0 win over Villanova in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Princeton advanced all the way to the NCAA Final Four, becoming the first Ivy League women's team to do so. Negron, for her part, ended her glittering career as the program's all-time leader in points (112) and goals (47). She was the Ivy League Player of the Year and earned first-team All-American recognition along with freshman teammate Diana Matheson.

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### Fall Feats

In the fall season, the Princeton women's soccer team put together one of the most remarkable campaigns in school history. Head coach Julie Shackford's talented, veteran Ivy League Player of the Year in junior Darren Spicer, who squad advanced to the NCAA Final Four, becoming the first led the league in goals (12) and points (25). Ivy League women's team to make it that far.

The Tigers, who fell to UCLA 2-0 in the national semifinal, ended the season with a 19-3 mark, breaking the program Four appearance. Striking a blow for eastern water polo, and Ivy record for wins in a season.

Senior striker Esmeralda Negron ended her glittering career as the program's all-time leader in points (112) and goals (47). She was the Ivy League Player of the Year and earned first-team All-American recognition along with freshman teammate Diana Matheson.

Negron and Matheson were joined on the first-team All-Ivy

squad by junior forward Emily Behnke and junior defender Romy Trigg-Smith. Other Tigers who received All-Ivy recognition included senior defender Janine Willis and senior defender Elizabeth Pillion.

The Tiger men's soccer team was in the race for the Ivy title until the last weekend of the season and also boasted an

Spicing up the world of men's collegiate water polo, coach Luis Nicolao led the Tigers to their first-ever NCAA Final Four appearance. Striking a blow for eastern water polo, Princeton battled eventual national champion UCLA into overtime in the national semifinal before succumbing 7-5.

The Tigers ended the season at 25-6 as they set the program single-season record for wins. Junior driver John Stover and senior goalie Peter Sabbatini were both named as first-team All-Southern performers.

The Princeton football team produced a promising start as it got out of the gate with a 4-1 record. However, coach Roger Hughes' Tigers couldn't overcome back-to-back one point losses to Cornell and Penn as they skidded to a 5-5 mark.

Senior linebacker Zak Keasey never slowed as he led the Ivy League in tackles and was named as a first-team All-Ivy performer and also earned second-team All-American recognition.

The Princeton field hockey team made history of the wrong kind as their 32-game Ivy League winning streak was snapped when they fell 3-1 to Dartmouth in late September, marking their first loss in league play since October 1999.

The loss proved to be a bad omen for coach Kristen Holmes-Winn and her team as Princeton lost to Penn in the last second of the season's final game to see their 10-year Ivy League title streak come to an end.

History of a more positive kind was made by the women's volleyball team as longtime coach Glenn Nelson won his 500th game with the program. He joined former men's basketball coach Pete Carril (514) and former softball coach Cindy Cohen (564) as the only coaches to have won 500 games at Princeton.

### Olympian Efforts

In the summer of 2004, the eyes of the world turned to Athens, Greece for the Summer Olympics and Princeton athletes made their presence felt.

The major highlight for those with Princeton connections came when the U.S. Men's eight crew rowed to the gold medal. The boat was coached by former Tiger freshman heavyweight coach Mike Tetl and featured 1998 Princeton alum Chris Ahrens as well as 1996 Hun School grad Jason Read.

The women's eight earned silver with Lianne Nelson, a 1995 Princeton alum, on board. Thomas Herschmiller of Princeton's Class of 2001 helped the Canadian coxless four take silver.

In the pool, 2004 Princeton graduate Juan Valdivieso, competing for Peru, competed in both the 200-meter butterfly and the 100 fly.



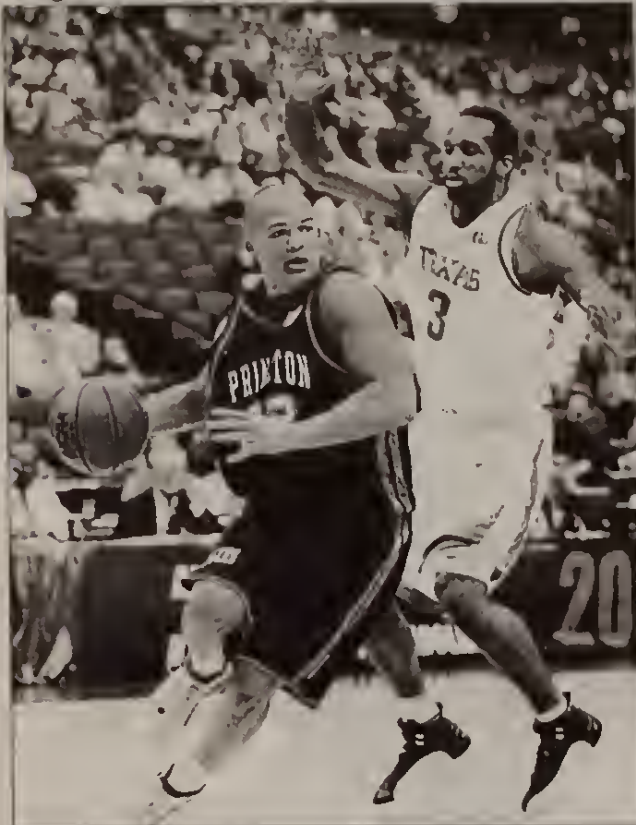
**CUTTING EDGE:** Princeton University fencer Soren Thompson takes a break during his 2002-03 season with the Tigers on his way to earning a berth on the U.S. team for the Athens Summer Olympics. Thompson, currently a senior at Princeton, outdid himself in the Olympics fencing competition as he took seventh in the men's epee. Thompson's placement was the best in nearly 50 years by a U.S. fencer in the event. He was one of many athletes with Princeton ties who excelled at the Athens Games.

(Photo courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)

On dry land, current Princeton senior Soren Thompson outdid himself in the fencing competition as he took seventh in the men's epee. Thompson's placement was the best in nearly 50 years by a U.S. fencer in the event.

Tora Harris, a 2002 Princeton alum, competed for the U.S. in the high jump. Harris, an NCAA champion during his college days

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**DESIGNATED DRIVER:** Princeton junior guard Will Venable slashes past Texas defender Brandon Mouton in the Tigers' 66-49 loss to the Longhorns at Denver last March in the opening round of the NCAA tourney. Venable, a first-team All-Ivy player, was a major factor as the Tigers went 20-8 and won their 36th Ivy crown. In the spring, Venable hit .344 to help the Tiger baseball team take the Ivy championship.

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### Relocation Out Of State With A Child During Or After Divorce - Part One

Often during the pendency of a divorce or custody litigation, or sometimes even long after a final divorce or custody determination is made, one parent seeks to relocate out of state with a child for what can be a myriad of reasons, such as a job transfer, a desire or financial need to be close to extended family, or remarriage. Such a request often flames emotional fires. In such instance, and barring consent of the other parent to permit the relocation, a court must make the determination as to whether a relocation out of state with the child should be permitted. While, in some cases, relocation within the state is being argued, this article will focus on out of state relocation.

Whether a court will permit such relocation with a child depends on various factors. However, it is the balance between protection of the relationship between the parent and child and the right of a parent to freely move about the country after a divorce or separation, which is at the crux of the relocation debate. How a court views and analyzes such a request depends greatly upon the existing custodial arrangement between the parents and the stage of the divorce litigation.

The State of New Jersey has long protected the right of the child to have and maintain a relationship with both parents after a separation or divorce. Our custody statute specifically requires the preservation of both relationships. Having said that, the following issues are present when relocation is requested.

#### WHAT IS THE EXISTING CUSTODIAL ARRANGEMENT?

The first step in any relocation analysis is a determination of what the present custodial arrangement between the parents is or should be. If there is no final agreement or judgment of custody at the time the request for relocation is made, a court must first make a custody determination before considering the relocation request. In making a custody determination, a court is guided by the best interests of the child, which includes a consideration of such factors as:

the parents' ability to agree, communicate and cooperate in matters relating to the child; the parents' willingness to accept custody and any history of unwillingness to allow parenting time not based on substantiated abuse; the interaction and relationship of the child with its parents and siblings; the history of domestic violence, if any; the safety of the child and the safety of either parent from physical abuse by the other parent; the preference of the child when of sufficient age and capacity to reason so as to form an intelligent decision; the needs of the child; the stability of the home environment offered; the quality and continuity of the child's education; the fitness of the parents; the geographical proximity of the parents' homes; the extent and quality of the time spent with the child prior to or subsequent to the separation; the parents' employment responsibilities; and the age and number of the children. A parent shall not be deemed unfit unless the parents' conduct has a substantial adverse effect on the child.

In determining what is in a child's best interests, New Jersey courts have stated that the "paramount consideration is the safety, happiness, physical, mental and moral welfare of the child" and such courts have determined that neither parent has a superior right to custody, and that each case must be decided on its own facts and circumstances.

If the parents already have reached a final agreement or a court has entered a final judgment of custody on the issue of custody of the child, then a court must look to that agreement as a starting point for any relocation analysis.

Our column next month will focus on the different relocation issues associated with joint and sole physical custody of children.

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with the Tigers, cleared 2.15 meters but didn't qualify for the finals.

Princeton High grad Andy Potts made his presence felt in the men's triathlon. Potts, a 1995 PHS alum who went on to swim for Michigan, was in first place coming out of the water in the triathlon but faded in the Athens heat to a 22nd place finish.

### Hun School

One of the more stirring reversals of fortunes on the local high school scene was produced by the Hun School boys' ice hockey team. Coming off a three-win campaign in 2002-03, second-year head coach Francois Bourbeau guided the Raiders to a 12-5-1 mark last winter.

The highlight for Hun came when it won the Mercer County Tournament title game by edging WW/P-S 3-2 in overtime. Key catalysts in Hun's renaissance included goalie Ben Wirjosemito and forward Matt Torstrup.

On the hardwood, Hun's basketball programs continued their tradition of excellence. The boys' team, coached by Jon Stone, went 16-7, making it to the state Prep A semifinals.

Princeton native Noah Savage provided scoring and leadership for Hun as it battled such national powers as St.

Benedict's and St. Anthony's. Hardened by those battles, Savage is now playing at the next level for the Princeton men's basketball program where he has been a starter from day one.

The Hun girls' team welcomed prolific junior transfer Shantee Darrian into the fold and went 15-9. Coach Bill Holup's club made it to the state Prep A semifinals as Darrian averaged 15.1 points per game.

In the spring, the Hun girls' lacrosse team emerged as another superb turnaround story as it went 12-3 after going 2-10 in 2003.

Coach Lauren Provenzano's squad was paced by the torrid scoring of junior Bis Fries and the leadership and productivity of senior Tarah Kirman. The Raiders' stellar spring ended in the state Prep A semifinals where they lost to Oak Knoll.

Hun's softball team, however, went all the way as it won the state Prep A title paced by the pitching of junior ace Emily Rosenthal. Coach Kathy Quirk's club also got fine play from Jill Fonseca, Kait Kirby, and Christina Zimmerman as it went 11-4, culminating its special spring with a 4-2 win over Blair in the state championship game.

Rebounding from a 0-3 start, the Hun boys' lacrosse team caught fire and won 12 of its last 13 games. Senior star Alex Green scored 93

points as the Raiders ended their season by losing to eventual state champion Lawrenceville in the state Prep A semifinals.

In the fall campaign, Hun fielded three dominant teams while a fourth wrote another stirring comeback story. After coming close the last two seasons, the Raider football team broke through and won its first-ever Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title in emphatic fashion. Led by record-setting junior running back Myron Rolle, Hun went 8-1 overall, including an unblemished 5-0 mark in MAPL play. Coach Dave Dudeck credited an upgrade in defensive play with paving the way to Hun's championship fall.

The Hun girls' tennis team, meanwhile, continued its dominant ways. For the second straight year, coach Joan Nuse's squad achieved the triple of winning the Mercer County Tournament (MCT), the MAPL crown, and the state Prep A title.

The driving force for Hun was senior star Angela DiPastina, who went undefeated this fall at first singles and ended her career with four state prep A individual titles and two MCT crowns.

Boasting a roster stocked with senior stars, the Hun boys' soccer team went 16-4 and came in second in the MCT and state Prep A tournaments. Coach Chris Kingston acknowledged that his Class of 2005, which included such stars as Matt Care, Matt Miller, Kevin Michel, Jon D'Angelo, Scott Loesser, and Adam Kotchin, had established itself as one of the greatest groups in recent program history.

The final turnaround story for Hun in 2004 was written by the Raider field hockey team. Coming into the state Prep A tournament with a 4-9-1 record, coach Sarah Ostermueller's team didn't have the look of a title contender.

Sparked by a mix of hungry veterans and precocious newcomers, though, Hun toppled third-seeded Peddie and second-seeded Blair to advance to the state championship game. Even though Hun fell to Lawrenceville in the title contest, the late season surge portended more success in the future.

### Princeton Day School

It was business as usual last winter for the PDS boys' ice hockey team as the Panthers won their seventh straight Prep B title. Sparked by the offensive productivity of Will Denise and Keith Nelson, PDS topped Morristown-Beard 4-2 in the state title game. Coach Chris Barless' team finished 17-4-1 after it edged Wyoming Seminary to win its own invitational tournament.

For the PDS boys' basketball team, the arrival of new head coach Ahmed El-Nokali changed the tone of a program that had struggled in recent years. Under the steady guidance of El-Nokali, a former star point guard for Princeton University, the Panthers started out hot and proceeded to advance all the way to the state Prep B championship game.

While PDS fell in that game to end the season at 16-9, its quartet of seniors, Dave Pepperman, Alex Sugiyra, Dylan Leith, and Rajeev Sharma, knew that they had saved their best for last in a memorable winter.

The PDS girls' hockey team produced some good memories as it went 12-10 and advanced to the state Prep



**A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN:** Hun School softball coaches Kathy Quirk, far left, and Bill Quirk, far right, celebrate with their charges last May after the Raiders topped Blair Academy 4-2 to win the state Prep A title for the first time since 2000. Hun finished with an 11-4 record.

(Photo by Bill Allen/TJ SportAction)

semifinals in coach John Cook's debut season with the program. Junior star Meg Kerwin provided much of the offense as she led PDS with 57 points on 38 goals and 19 assists.

Under the leadership of coach Sue Repko, the PDS girls' basketball team rebounded nicely as it went 10-11 after having struggled to a 5-17 mark in 2003-03. The play of a quartet of solid veterans, Lexi Cheshier, Marla Pfenninger, Katie Levine, and Kathryn Batchelor, helped put the Panthers on the right track.

The spring season saw three PDS teams make major strides. The boys' lacrosse team, coached by Peter Higgins, utilized its scrappiness to go 10-5, an improvement on the 7-8 record it posted in the spring of 2003. The scoring of Laddie Sanford and the goaltending of Oliver Burton were key factors in PDS' winning campaign.

Sparked by the addition of multi-talented Dan O'Brien, the PDS baseball team went 10-6 and advanced to the Prep B semifinals. O'Brien, a transfer from Princeton High, led coach Bruce Devlin's team in hitting (.503) homers (5) and RBIs (33) in addition to being a mainstay of the PDS pitching rotation.

Going with a roster laden with freshmen and sophomores, coach Jill Thomas led the PDS girls' lacrosse team to an 8-6 mark, an improvement on the 7-7 record the team achieved in 2003.

The PDS girls' soccer team emerged as one of the top sides in the area as it went 15-4 and made it to the semifinals of both the MCT and the state Prep A tourney. Coach Ted Harrington credited his core of seniors, which



**COOL CAT:** Princeton Day School star forward Will Denise flies down the ice last winter on his way to leading the Panthers to their seventh straight state Prep B championship. PDS ended the season with a glittering 17-4-1 mark.

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Only one coach in college football history has taken five different teams to a bowl game. Any guesses who that coach is? Extra credit if you can name the colleges. The answer is Lou Holtz, and the teams he has led to bowl games are, in chronological order, William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Notre Dame and South Carolina. Holtz retired at the end of the 2004 regular season.

The 2004 college football season saw records set in numerous categories, but perhaps the two most amazing were scoring marks. Fresno State set an NCAA record for quickest touchdowns — two in eight seconds as part of a 62-28 thrashing of San Jose State. The Bulldogs scored first on a run, recovered an onside kick, and then immediately threw a touchdown pass. But when it came to scoring, nobody could touch Division II powerhouse Pittsburg State in

Kansas, which shattered a 118-year-old NCAA all-division record by scoring 805 points in one season. The previous mark of 765 points was established by Harvard over 14 games way back in 1886.

The 2004 season marks the 35th year since the merger of the NFL and the old American Football League. From the start of the merger in 1970 through the end of the 2003 season, seven teams won more than 300 games. How many can you name? And which team ranks at the top? As of the start of the '04 season, here they are, in ascending order: the Denver Broncos, the Minnesota Vikings, the Oakland Raiders, the San Francisco 49ers, the Dallas Cowboys, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and at the top, with 335 wins, the Miami Dolphins.

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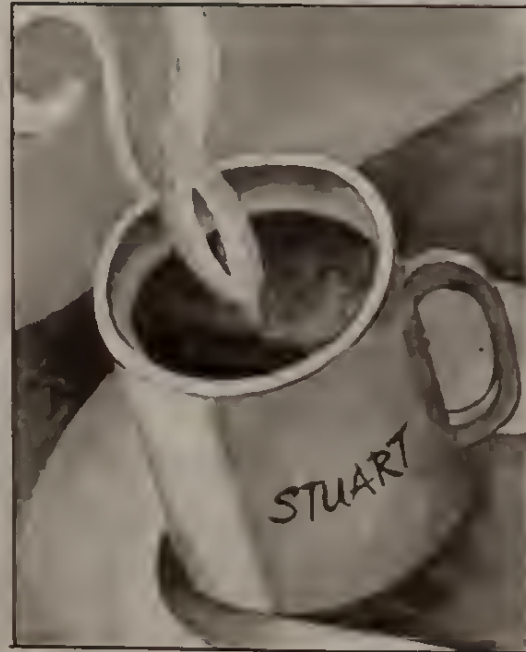


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included Lauren Hinkel, Kristina Costa, Kristin Modzelweski, Cat Tomasulo, and Meg Kerwin, with providing the skill and leadership that resulted in the team's glittering record. Coming into the fall, the PDS football team had plenty of questions to answer as Bruce Devlin put his offense in the hands of freshman quarterback Clint O'Brien and freshman tailback Mike Shimkin. The backfield tandem responded with aplomb as they helped lead the Panthers to a 4-4 record, a major step forward from the 2-7 mark posted in 2003. The Panthers developed a stifling defense to go along with their young guns on offense as they posted four straight shutouts from late September into mid-October.

Hit by injuries and graduation losses, the PDS field hockey team couldn't match its 2003 run which saw it advance to the state Prep title game. But with PDS winning four of its last six games, coach Jill Thomas sees better things on the horizon.

### Princeton High

PHS continued its dominance in the pool under the guidance of longtime coach Greg Hand with a surprising twist as the unheralded girls' team advanced all the way to the state Public B finals rather than the boys' team, who had made it that far the two previous seasons.

Sparked by sophomore superstar Nina Rossi, the PHS girls went from a team that didn't even qualify for the state tournament four years ago into the juggernaut that came within four points of a state crown. Rossi dominated in the individual medley, butterfly, and freestyle, being

named as the outstanding female swimmer at the Mercer County Championship for the second straight year.

The PHS boys weren't any slouch as they won their fourth straight sectional crown and their third straight county title in going 13-1 on the season. Towering Jesse Applegate was a constant force in the sprints while Pete Hand racked up win after win in the individual medley and breast-stroke races.

With the opening of the new pool at John Witherspoon School, PHS swimmers figure to build on their already formidable record of success.

The arrival of high-scoring freshman forward John Ryan gave the PHS boys' hockey team a major lift. Ryan led the CVC in scoring with 51 points on 28 goals and 23 assists while senior star Matt Leuck ended his career with 103 points. PHS, coached by Paul Merrow, advanced to the final of the Titans Cup for the first time in the tournament's history.

The girls' hockey program solidified its standing as it went 9-7, led by the high-scoring pair of Louise Finnell and Vicki Chen.

In the spring, senior Iliia Shatashvili capped one of the greatest careers in PHS tennis history. The cool-headed Shatashvili won the title at first singles at the Mercer County Tournament as the Little Tigers finished second in the team standings.

The win gave Shatashvili four straight MCT individual titles, making him just one of five players to accomplish that feat since 1989 when the current format was adopted. Led by Shatashvili and second singles star Chris Hoeland, PHS went 19-7 overall and advanced to the state Group III semifinals.

The PHS lacrosse teams

each made it past the first round of the state tournament. The boys' team, coached by Peter Stanton, ended with a disappointing record of 5-11. The proud program, however, did keep one tradition intact as it beat Governor Livingston 11-7 in the opening round of the state Group II playoffs. The win marked the sixth straight year that PHS has won at least one game in post-season play.

The girls' squad went one step further than the boys as it won two state tournament games to finish with an 8-7 record. High-scoring Louise Finnell was a pivotal figure for coach Joyce Jones' team which had been eliminated in the opening round of the state tourney in 2003 after not even qualifying in the two prior campaigns.

The PHS girls' track team placed fourth of 18 teams at the Group III Central Jersey sectional championship meet, led by Allison Crowley, who won the triple jump and took second in the 100 hurdles, and Natalie Gengel, the winner of the pole vault with a school-record jump of 9'9".

In the fall, the PHS football team turned a lot of heads as it went 5-5, thereby posting the program's first non-losing season since 1994. The enthusiastic leadership of coach Steve Everette helped turn the fortunes of a program that had suffered through a 5-45 overall record the previous five seasons.

The passing touch of senior quarterback Vinny Giacalone, the receiving of senior Vance Slocum, and the explosive rushing of sophomore Alexz Henriques transformed the PHS offense into a highly productive unit.

While the football team made major progress, PHS' perennially strong soccer programs struggled. Coming off a

season in which it won the Mercer County Tournament and the Central Jersey Group III sectional title, the PHS boys' team never truly got into sync as it went 8-7-2. Coach Wayne Sutcliffe's club was eliminated in the second round of the MCT and in the opening round of the state tournament.

Dealing with severe graduation losses, the PHS girls' team, coached by Greg Hand, finished at 7-9. Led by senior midfielder Zoe Sarnak, the Little Tigers played their best soccer of the season down the stretch, portending good things for the future.

### Stuart Country Day

Under fiery new coach Tony Bowman, the Tartans' basketball squad went 7-8. Sparked by the hustle and productivity of Kathryn Kitts, Stuart routed Ranney School in the opening round of the state Prep B tournament before falling to powerful Rutgers Prep in the semis.

Another new coach, Sara Wagner, produced a fine debut season as she helped the Stuart lacrosse team rebound from a 4-9 campaign. With seniors Kelly Fitzpatrick and Carly Williams providing leadership and offense, the Tartans went 9-6 and made it to the state Prep B semifinals.

Veteran coach Tom Harrington, meanwhile, added another championship to his resume as he guided the Stuart track team to its third straight Prep B title.

A quintet of seniors, Brittany Jones, Maya Thompson, Megan Keese, Sophie Medina, and the coach's daughter, Angela Harrington, carried most of the load for the Tartans as they scored 72 of the team's 144 points in the Prep B championship meet.

The fall season turned into one of the best ever for Stuart athletics as the school garnered three state titles, in cross country, senior star Emily Driscoll saved her best for last as she picked up course and school records in leading the Tartans to the state Prep B title. For the Stuart runners, coached by Harrington, it was their third straight Prep B title and the fifth in seven years.

The Tartans' tennis team joined in the fun as it took the state Prep B title for the first time since 2001 when it shared the crown. Stuart swept the Prep B tourney at singles as Kathryn Kitts won at No. 1, Claire Wiles at No. 2, and Kelsey Semrod at No. 3.

The most powerful team this fall at Stuart, though, was its prolific field hockey team. Under the guidance of long-time coach Missy Bruvik, the Tartans went 17-3, winning the state Prep B title and setting a single-season record for victories in the process. Senior forward Taylor Blazewski led the attack as she scored 16 goals and had 12 assists. Junior goalie Christa Goeke anchored the defense, recording eight straight shutouts at one point during the fall.

—Bill Alden



**DECKED OUT:** Emotions run high on the deck in the final relay race as the Princeton High girls' swimming team faced Montgomery last March in the Public B state championship meet. PHS lost 87-83 to the Cougars but that setback couldn't dim what the Little Tigers achieved in their improbable late-season surge. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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**TAYLOR-MADE:** Stuart senior attacker Taylor Blazewski, right, fights for possession in the Tartans' 3-1 win over Morristown-Beard in the state Prep B title game on November 7. Stuart went 17-3 on the season, setting a program record for most wins in a season as it surpassed the previous mark of 15. Blazewski scored 16 goals and had 12 assists to lead the Tartans' attack.

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**SMALL WONDER:** Princeton High goalie Shane Leuck makes a save in action last winter. Leuck's solid play in the goal has been a major factor behind PHS' 5-1 start this season. Leuck, a sophomore, had surrendered just five goals in his last four outings including last Thursday's 5-3 win over Hightstown. The Little Tigers will look to keep on the winning track when they play Manasquan on December 30 at Wall and then face Hamilton on January 3 at Mercer County Park.

(Photo by Bill Allen/AJ SportAction)

## Leuck Standing Tall in the Goal For Sizzling PHS Boys' Hockey

At first glance, one could miss Princeton High goaltender Shane Leuck when surveying the ice.

The diminutive sophomore goalie's head barely comes above the crossbar at the top of the net when he is crouched in ready position.

But once the action gets hot, it's impossible to ignore Leuck, who has stood tall in the goal as the PHS boys' hockey team has roared out of the gate to a 5-1 start.

Last Thursday, Leuck showed his full repertoire as he recorded 32 saves to help the Little Tigers beat Hightstown 5-3 in a game which saw PHS whistled for penalty after penalty.

Even though the Little Tigers spent much of the night shorthanded, Leuck didn't feel any additional pressure as he fended off the Rams' power plays.

"I just kept my cool and did my job," said Leuck. "We played a good defensive game; we kept our cool when we were penalty killing. We got a few chances on our

power play and we put the puck into the net."

Leuck, who stands about 5'6", sees his lack of height as an advantage in the crease.

"I think I'm pretty quick," said Leuck, who came into the Hightstown game having given up just two goals in the Little Tigers' three previous outings. "I'm small but I move pretty well back there. A big part of my game is being able to move back and forth with good agility."

Leuck's transition to the high school game last winter was eased by the presence of his older brother Matt, a star forward and senior captain for PHS.

"Matt helped me get off to a good high school start," recalled Leuck, who posted a shutout against Lawrence on December 15 when the Little Tigers blanked the Cardinals 8-0. "We miss him. I would like to be a leader like him."

In his effort to make more of an impact on the team, Leuck has refined his game. "I've been working on coming out and staying big,"

explained Leuck. "Last year, I kind of stayed back in the net. This year, I'm coming out and playing the angles better."

PHS head coach Paul Merrow sees Leuck's play as a big factor in his team's hot start. "Shane has been a rock this year," said Merrow with a smile. "Defensively, we've helped him out in front of the net although we had a few breakdowns tonight. Shane has been so solid, he's cool back there."

Merrow was happy with the way his club kept its cool against the Rams, fighting back from first period deficits of 1-0 and 2-1.

"They rebounded great," said Merrow, who got two goals and two assists from John Ryan and two goals from Sam Finnell in the win over Hightstown.

"The problem was that we couldn't get any momentum because we couldn't stay out of the box. Our penalty killing was great and the power play was good. I think we had two power play goals. They worked hard, they didn't quit."

While Merrow is cautiously optimistic in the wake of his team's sizzling early play, the veteran coach isn't quite ready to declare that his team is headed for a special season.

"It's good to go 5-1 before the holiday break," said Merrow, whose team plays Manasquan on December 30 at Wall and then faces Hamilton on January 3 at Mercer County Park.

"We're ahead of schedule, maybe, but we've still got a lot of work to do. The players have worked real hard in practice. We've got a tough schedule in January."

Leuck, for his part, is confident that the Little Tigers can keep up the good work. "We've just got to play like a team, we have to play like we have lately," asserted Leuck.

"It's basically the same team as last year so we play well together. We're all good friends, we have excellent chemistry. It should be a good season."

It could be a very good season for PHS if Leuck keeps standing tall in the goal.

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# Coming Together From the Start, PHS Girls' Hoops Turning Heads

The bounces haven't exactly gone in favor of the Princeton High girls' basketball team in recent years. The Little Tigers went 3-19 in the 2003-04 season on the heels of posting back-to-back 5-18 campaigns. But it didn't take long this season for PHS to experience a reversal of fortune. In its season opener on December 17, with the Little Tigers clinging to a 41-40 lead over Lawrence, a last-second lay-up by the Cardinals rolled around the rim and out to preserve a dramatic win for PHS. Buoyed by that triumph, the Little Tigers went on to beat Monroe 39-29 on December 20 and then topped WW/P-S 48-46 a day later to post their first 3-0 start since the 1990s. While PHS head coach Nikki Inzano acknowledged that her club got a boost from that good bounce on opening night, she had already seen a lot of positives before the Lawrence shot went awry. "That buzzer beater really helped us, it gave us a lift," said Inzano, who is in her second season guiding the PHS program. "We played well the whole game so even if we had lost, we would have felt good about that effort. The team has really come together."

The club's special bond was evident as it hung together down the stretch in its win over WW/P-S. "I think some people may have thought that we were a fluke and the kids really hadn't had big games before," said Inzano, whose team trailed the Pirates 18-17 at halftime. "WW/P-S is a solid team and we played well. Last year we played from behind a lot and we didn't learn to pull our offense out. I told them in the third quarter to just settle down. This year we don't have to play helter-skelter."

A calming influence for PHS has been the play of heady senior guard/forward Zoe Sarnak, who sank two free throws in the final 30 seconds to seal the win over the Pirates.



LOOKING UP: Princeton High sophomore Kelly Curtis boxes out a Lawrence High player in the Little Tigers' 41-40 opening night victory over the Cardinals on December 17. Curtis' all-around play has helped spark PHS to a 3-1 start.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

"Zoe is controlling the game for us," said Inzano of the willowy Sarnak who had 11 points in the WW/P-S game and 13 in the win over Monroe. "She makes good decisions for us. She is versatile. I've been playing her at point guard but she can also play at forward."

Another player who has helped PHS move forward is high-scoring junior guard Erin Cook. "I think when Erin's shots go in early, she really gets going," said Inzano, refer-

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ring to Cook who had 23 points in the win over WW/P-S and is averaging 17.3 points a game. "Erin is finishing well this year. She has her shooting range down and she is driving hard to the basket."

Inzano is also getting good minutes from the trio of Kelly Curtis, Stephanie Grubb, and Milah Parker. "Kelly is so quick and athletic, she works really well with Erin," added Inzano, whose team dropped to 3-1 with a 65-19 loss to East Brunswick in the opening round of the War of the Worlds holiday tournament at

WW/P-N. "Stephanie is really boxing out this year and getting offensive and defensive rebounds. Milah does the dirty work. She may not have big scoring numbers but she does so many things for us."

In Inzano's view, it is her players' team-first attitude that has paved the way for the Little Tigers' turnaround. "We read each other so well," said Inzano, whose team will play two more games at the War of the Worlds event on December 29 and 30 before playing at Nottingham on January 4.

"I'm very happy, the girls

are working so well together. When we play good defense, the offense seems to come around. It's not just the five starters. The bench is really into the game and there are always players volunteering to go in when I need them."

—Bill Alden

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**PRESSURE POINT:** Princeton Day School sophomore forward Keely Langdon, right, applies pressure on the defensive end for the Panthers in early-season action. PDS, which has struggled to an 0-8 start, will look to get on the winning track in 2005. It returns from the holiday break when it hosts Rutgers Prep on January 5.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

## PDS Girls' Hoops Limp Into Break; Aims to Get Offense in High Gear

The holiday break came at the right time for the Princeton Day School girls' basketball team.

Hit with injuries and working new players into the lineup, the Panthers limped into the holidays with a 0-8 record.

"We did need a break," said PDS head coach Sue Repko as she assessed the season so far. "We've been playing with a somewhat smaller squad. Lexi Shechtel had a broken finger and then sprained her ankle. Cait McPhaden has been ill. We've had only eight players for a lot of the games so the kids have been seeing a lot of minutes."

Repko believes that her Rob Tuckman are doing their best to help the team hold its own as it fights through its growing pains. "As coaches, we're conscious of remaining positive," explained Repko, who is in her second full season at the helm of the PDS program.

"After some of the losses, Cook, and Meg Francfort who

have scored around double figures."

A major bright spot for the Panthers has been the play of freshman point guard Hannah Epstein. "She's done very well," said Repko of Epstein, who has been the team's high scorer in several games this season.

"She has the most experience of our players in terms of having played on travel teams. That being said, she is still a freshman and she's playing at a different level. The players are bigger and faster. She's shown that she can hold her own."

Repko and assistant coach Rob Tuckman are doing their best to help the team hold its own as it fights through its growing pains. "As coaches, we're conscious of remaining positive," explained Repko, who is in her second full season at the helm of the PDS program.

"After some of the losses, Cook, and Meg Francfort who

very disappointed. It's frustrating. This group of kids is very positive. They have not been letting things linger and they come in everyday and work hard."

Upon returning from the break, the focus will be on scoring. "We need to work on our offense," explained Repko. "We will be focusing on individual offensive skills. We will do a lot of intra-squad scrimmaging when we start practicing again. The defense has been there, we've held several opponents down."

Repko believes some wins will be there for her team when 2005 rolls around. "We have some winnable games on our schedule," maintained Repko. "We have good athletic kids and they work hard. We just need to get on the same page offensively. I have said all along that we will be a different team by the end of the season."

—Bill Alden

## Blizzard of Holiday Basketball Sees Locals Garner Some Wins

The coating of snow which hit the area late Sunday didn't cool off local high school basketball teams as they plunged into the blizzard of holiday tournaments.

The sizzling Hun School girls' team kept its record unblemished as it topped Pennsauken 56-27 last Monday in the opening round of the Eastern States Christmas Invitational Tournament (ESCIT) at McCortist High.

In improving to 8-0, the Raiders jumped out to a 26-10 lead at the half and cruised to victory. Hun was led by Shantee Darrian, who scored 16 points, while Mary Stinson added 13. The Raiders will face Northern Burlington in the ESCIT championship game on December 29.

Boasting a 6-1 record, the Hun boys' team was slated to play Bloomfield Tech on December 28 in the semifinals of the Joe Silver Holiday Tournament at Hillside High. The Raiders will be in action

two nights later as they either play in the event's consolation game or its championship game. After the tourney, Hun hosts Germantown Academy on January 4.

The Princeton High boys' team was routed 86-23 by Cherokee last Monday in the Mount Holly Rotary Tournament at Rancocas Valley High. The Little Tigers fell behind 20-7 by the end of the first quarter and could never get themselves back in the game as they dropped to 1-3 on the season. Ben Guervil scored five points to lead PHS.

The Little Tigers were slated to play Rancocas Valley on December 28 in a consolation game in the Mount Holly event. In upcoming action, PHS hosts Nottingham on January 4.

Tasting defeat for the first time this winter, the PHS girls' squad dropped a 65-19 decision to East Brunswick last Monday in the War of the

Worlds Christmas Tournament at WW/P-N. Erin Cook scored 13 points to lead PHS, which dropped to 1-3 with the setback. PHS played played the game without key players Zoe Samak and Natasha Kardassis, who were both out of town due to holiday commitments.

The Little Tigers will get a chance to resume their winning ways as they face Somerville on December 29 in the War of the Worlds event. PHS will conclude play at the tournament on December 30. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers play at Nottingham on January 4.

Stellar performances from Andrew Davidson and Drew Godwin led the Princeton Day School boys' basketball team to a 64-62 overtime win against Millville last Monday in the Virginia B. Whittaker Tournament at Cherry Hill East High. Davidson poured in 23 points while Godwin added 18 as the Panthers improved to 3-3 on the season.

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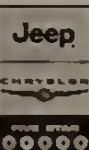
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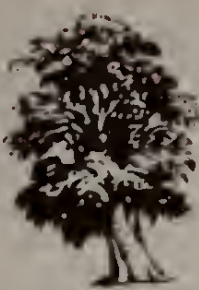
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### Herbert William Kale

Herbert William Kale, 94, the founder of Kale's Nursery and Landscape Service in Princeton, died at Wood River Village in Bensalem, Pa., on December 23.

He was born on a farm in Burlington, N.J., which fostered his lifelong love of agriculture. He founded Kale's in 1956 and was past president of N.J. Nurserymen's Association. He also served on the Board of Managers at Cook College, Rutgers University.

Lt. Col. Kale was the Battalion Commander of the 695th Armored Field Artillery in World War II. He served in the European Theater, including the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded several commendations. While in the army prior to the war, he was a skilled horseman and polo player.

A longtime member of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, Mr. Kale served in numerous leadership capacities, including Deacon, Elder, and Clerk of Session.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth MacNaughton Kale; his daughters, Mary Elizabeth Morris of Stockton, N.J., and Barrie Joan Kale of Hopewell; a son,

Douglas William Kale of Solebury, Pa.; seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

He will be remembered at a memorial service at the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville on January 6 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Rutgers Gardens, Cook College, c/o Douglas W. Kale, P.O. Box 185, Solebury, Pa. 18963.

Arrangements are by the Wilson-Apple Funeral Home in Pennington.

### Harold S. Switzgable

Harold S. Switzgable, 42, a lifelong Princeton resident, died December 27.

Born November 1, 1962, he graduated from Perkiomine Prep and received his degree in political science from Occidental College. He taught history at the Lewis School in Princeton and consulted in real estate and computers.

He is survived by his mother, Yota Switzgable, of Princeton; his father, Harold E. Switzgable, Jr., of Plainsboro and Quebec, Canada; his sister Kimberly of Robbinsville; and his sister Meg, of Brooklyn, New York.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, December 30, at the Kimble Funeral Home in Princeton, followed immediately by a 3 p.m. service.

### Hsueh Tseng Chang

Hsueh Tseng Chang, 93, the sole surviving son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin (Zhang Zuofin) of Manchuria, died on December 5 in Novato, California.

Born in Liaoning, China, in 1911, he was the third of eight sons of Marshal Chang and attended Catholic University of Peking, Yenching University, Balliol College at Oxford, and Princeton, from which he graduated in 1942 with an M.A. in political science.

He served with the Chinese Military Mission in Washington D.C. during World War II, and, after the war, he joined the U.N. Secretariat, then located at Lake Success N.Y., as one of the original members of a team of Chinese/English simultaneous interpreters. He retired in 1971 after 25 years of service.

His father, known as the "Old Marshal" or "The Tiger of Manchuria," was a warlord

who ruled Manchuria from 1916 to 1928. At the height of his power, Marshal Chang's control extended southward to Beijing and Shanghai. The Old Marshal was assassinated in 1928 by Japanese militarists, who bombed the train in which he was riding. Mr. Chang was with his father on that trip, but escaped injury. Mr. Chang's eldest brother, Chang Hsueh-liang (Zhang Xueliang) is best remembered for his key role in the Xian incident in 1936, in which Chiang Kai-shek was kidnapped and persuaded to end his ongoing civil war against the Communists and to form a united front with them against the Japanese, who had begun their invasion of China. Chang Hsueh-liang died in 2001.

Mr. Chang is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Clarence, and Elizabeth Chang, of Princeton; his daughter Leona and son-in-law J. Alton Crozier, Jr., also of Novato; his son Kuan Chang of Novato; five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. His wife Lucy Chang died in 1995.

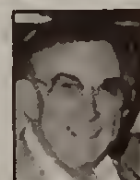
### Rose Margerum

Rose Margerum, 94, of Princeton, died Wednesday, December 22, at Princeton Care Center.

Wife of the late Stephen C. Margerum, she is survived by a daughter, Laura Del Cioppo, of Pomona, N.J.; two sons, George Zuber of Miami, Florida, and Donald Zuber of Laguna Hills, California; five grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and 4 great great grandchildren.

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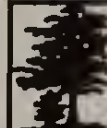
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